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BlackBerry bosses step down

Waterloo-based RIM recently had the worst service outage in its history

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▶ Mike Lazaridis, left, and Jim Balsillie.

Finally bowing to pressure from disgruntled shareholders, the two men who head BlackBerry maker Research in Motion will step down from their positions as co-chief executives of the troubled Canadian high-tech company.

Jim Balsillie and Mike Lazaridis will turn over operational control of RIM to new CEO Thorsten Heins, the company's former chief operating officer, RIM's board said in a statement Sunday.

A number of RIM's shareholders have demanded changes at the top for months, blaming Balsillie and Lazaridis for several years of poor performance that have resulted in a precipitous drop in the company's stock market value — shares in RIM were once so highly priced it was briefly Canada's most valuable company.

Balsillie, 50, and Lazaridis, 50, have headed RIM together for the past two decades but investors lost patience with the pair in 2011 as the company dropped behind its peers in the lightning-paced smartphone market, suffering through a service outage and losing tens of billions of dollars in market value.

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Wheels. On ice

▶ Fleet-footed Toronto Maple Leaf Tyler Bozak wheels 2011 Easter Seals ambassador Jacob Camsley-Wilkins, 13, of Sault Ste Marie around the rink at the MasterCard Centre on Kipling Avenue Sunday.

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This was the 34th year of the annual Leafs Skate for Easter Seals Kids — an event that to date has raised more than $5.2 million for Easter Seals Ontario. Participants who want a chance to skate with Leafs players have to fundraise a minimum of $125 in pledges for children with physical disabilities.

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▶ Rob Ford, The Opera was performed at the University of Toronto's MacMillan Theatre Sunday afternoon. Andrew Jaji as Ford, right, and Rosanna Murphy as Margaret Atwood are pictured here.

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Ford opera gets running

Rapper shot in studio

An aspiring hip-hop artist was shot dead while recording music early Saturday morning, police said.

Authorities have located the people who brought Anthony Spencer, 23, to the hospital after he was shot.

He leaves behind his three-year-old daughter, Trinity.

Video footage shows two vehicles with a group of men and women dropping Spencer off at Scarborough General Hospital.

"The individuals we are interviewing are being far less than truthful with regards to the narrative of what happened to Mr. Spencer," said Det.-Sgt. Gary Giroux in a news conference Sunday.

Police believe the people who brought Spencer to the hospital know those involved in the shooting but are not identifying them.

Spencer, who rapped under the name Tony Trapz, has several YouTube videos, some with thousands of hit. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tough real estate markets

Bridal Path, Jane and Finch, could not be more different except they're two worst markets in Toronto

At one end of the spectrum, there is the Bridle Path, sometimes referred to as Millionaires' Row.

On the other, there is the troubled Jane and Finch corridor, which year after year ranks among the city's most crime-stricken neighbourhoods.

In realtor speak, they're known as C12 (The Bridle Path) and W05 (Jane and Finch). And according to recent statistics released by the Toronto Real Estate Board, it would take exactly 102 days to burn through the current inventory in both regions, if no more properties came on the market. By comparison, it would take 36 days to sell off all the properties currently listed in (E02) The Beach and W02 (The Junction/High Park).

The city average for all 36 MLS zones is just over two months: 66 days.

"In a recovery situation, these markets would rebound quickly, but when the economy is softening, which is what we're seeing right now, they will slow more quickly." HOUSING MARKET CONSULTANT WILL DUNNING

Housing market consultant Will Dunning said the fact property statistics at Jane and Finch are identical to the upscale Bridle Path isn't that surprising.

"I think in general the tails of the market — the high and low end — tend to be the most variable over time," he said.

Last month, when 44-year-old Selva Himalayaratnam put his yellow brick bungalow on the market in W05, he knew he could be in for a wait.

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▶ Selva Himalayaratnam in his North York home.

The self-employed contractor and his wife bought the Hoover Crescent property as a fixer upper last spring for about $305,000. Himalayaratnam gutted the house, installed new washrooms, hardwood floors, a new kitchen with stainless steel appliances, new windows and a refurbished basement apartment.

The couple put about eight months and $120,000 worth of work and materials into the renovation. The five-bedroom property is listed at the relatively modest price of $519,000. In many neighbourhoods around the city, the place would be gone in days. But Himalayaratnam's house is just around the corner from the city's most notorious intersection in an MLS zone where properties can sit on the market for months on end and fetch an average price of about $320,000. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ Justin Bieber poses for fans at the 2012 International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas on Jan. 11. On the weekend, Bieber made contact with an Ottawa woman who's in Toronto waiting for a lung transplant.

16.5 million reasons to smile

Ottawa woman posted thank-you video to Justin Bieber for supporting her cause

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Now that Justin Bieber tweeted to Ottawa's Hélène Campbell over the weekend, the 20-year-old is wondering what to do next with her organ donation awareness campaign as she waits for new lungs in Toronto.

On Saturday morning, the Biebster tweeted "@alungstory i got the word....you have amazing strength. i got u. #BeAnOrganDonor" to Campbell followed later by "help spread the word for @alungstory alungstory.ca #BeAnOrganDonor."

"That's a pretty big deal, 16.5 million followers who are now responding," said Campbell from Toronto on Sunday. "It's really exciting and encouraging, not just for me but everyone who helped."

News of her campaign spread across Canada and in other parts to the world, too. Websites in Peru and Germany reported on the Twitter love between Bieber and Campbell.

Campbell said a bookstore employee in Toronto recognized her on Saturday because she read about her campaign in the Metro Toronto newspaper.

"She said 'I know who you are. Congratulations. What you're doing is awesome,'" said Campbell. "That is encouraging."

"That's a pretty big deal, 16.5 million followers who are now responding. It's really exciting and encouraging, not just for me but everyone who helped." HÉLÈNE CAMPBELL

McCallion rival weighs in on hearing

Affidavits, including one from old rival Carolyn Parrish, were given to Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion Friday, ahead of next week's hearing in a conflict-of-interest case against the mayor.

The allegations, stemming from votes McCallion took at the Region of Peel in 2007, will be heard by the Ontario Superior Court. Parrish says she was asked to participate in the case and in doing so, is "correcting a mistake I made."

The court will be dealing with an application by Elias Hazineh, a Mississauga resident and long-time acquaintance of Parrish, who filed the conflict charge after learning McCallion had taken part in votes that stood to save her son's company up to $11 million in development fees while it planned a hotel-convention centre in downtown Mississauga.

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Boy still in hospital after sled accident

A three-year-old boy remains in a Toronto hospital following a sledding accident. The child was airlifted to the Hospital For Sick Children from the Kawartha Lakes on Friday afternoon. He suffered undetermined injuries, police say. Ontario Provincial Police continue to investigate.

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Zip-lining in the city?

Toronto's treetops may be the first in an urban green space to get an adventure course under a Vermont company's proposal

Torontonians may soon be zipping through the treetops at Earl Bales Park — if city officials approve a proposal from a U.S. adventure tour company.

The Vermont-based ArborTrek Canopy Adventures approached Coun. James Pasternak with a 21-page pitch last November to build and operate zip-lines, canopy tours and aerial-trekking courses at the park, near Bathurst Street and Sheppard Avenue West.

It would be the first attraction of its kind in the Greater Toronto Area, though there are other zip-line locations in the province.

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▶ Zip-lining, similar to what this man is doing at the Sky High Adventure Park in Ellicottville, N.Y., may be coming to Toronto.

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Baby Angelica's parents charged

The Canadian mother and Jamaican father of a toddler found dead and partially decomposed inside a suitcase were charged in Jamaica on Sunday with concealing the death of their two-year-old boy.

Stephanie and Alphonso Warren — the same parents who pleaded guilty to abandoning their 8-month-old baby girl, dubbed Baby Angelica, in a frigid Toronto stairwell four years ago — are scheduled to appear in court in Kingston, Jamaica, on Tuesday.

Last week, police in Toronto made contact with their Jamaican counterparts to apprise them of the link between the two cases. Jamaican police were not immediately available to clarify whether the investigation had been completed, or if the couple could face additional charges.

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Investigation

- Police were called to investigate the Warrens' Kingston, Jamaica, home on Jan. 15 by neighbours who had grown suspicious when they had not seen the couple's toddler.
- Upon entering the home, police made the grisly discovery of the boy's decomposing body stuffed in a suitcase. Cellphone photos taken by neighbours show the toddler's corpse had appeared to be partially mummified.

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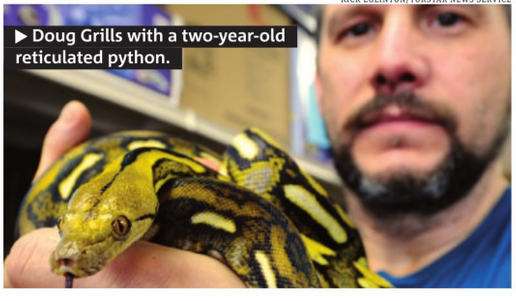

▶ Doug Grills with a two-year-old reticulated python.

Exotic pet store owners fear for animals

The owners of an Oshawa pet store fear their bylaw battle with the city could mean death for many of the dozens of snakes, lizards and spiders they have rescued via the SPCA or from owners who can no longer care for their animals.

Doug and Debbie Grills, of D&D Exotics, have been operating under an exemption to the Oshawa Responsible Pet Owners By-Law that prohibits residents from keeping certain reptiles and arachnids.

But that exemption was withdrawn last week and the store's Facebook page announced it couldn't rescue any more animals.

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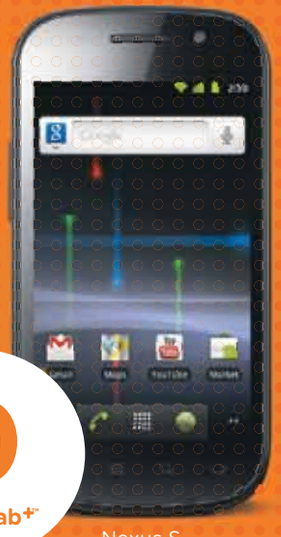

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Islamists rising in Arab Spring: HRW

Western governments evaluating policy as new governments emerge
Group urges Islamist parties to respect women and religious rights

The United States and other western governments must accept the new reality that Islamists have emerged to fill the power vacuum in the Arab world after a wave of popular uprisings, Human Rights Watch said in its annual report Sunday.

The New York-based group also urged Islamist parties, which have emerged as the biggest winners in recent elections in Tunisia and Egypt and are expected to fare well in Libya, to not "pick and choose" when it comes to human rights.

Islamist parties are "genuinely popular" in the Arab world, said HRW's executive director, Kenneth Roth, warning that "ignoring that popularity would violate democratic principles."

"Being a political Islamic government should not be a reason to turn a government into a pariah," Roth told reporters in Cairo.

The Arab Spring revolts began in Tunisia in late 2010 and spread to Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Syria and Bahrain, deposing or challenging authoritarian rulers as citizens who long seemed incapable or unwilling to rise against decades of repression took to the streets in a stunning awakening.

Since the collapse of the regimes in Egypt and Tunisia, Islamist groups once confined to the political sidelines, such as the Muslim Brotherhood, have formed parties and contested polls, winning the largest share of seats.

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▶ Saudi men and women chat at a hotel in Riyadh on Sunday. The head of Saudi Arabia's powerful religious police was recently replaced with a more moderate cleric. The move hasn't stopped human rights activists from criticizing the role of religious police, who ensure the segregation of the sexes, prevent women from driving and ban all public entertainment.

Even the ultraconservative Salafis, who abstained from politics under Egypt's ousted president Hosni Mubarak, have fared well, winning more than 20 per cent of the vote in the first post-uprising ballot.

Roth was cautious when asked about concerns about potential human rights violations under Islamist rule. He said that so far, Islamists have said "a lot of right things," but said the true test will be how they deal with the full sweep of human rights once in power.

"These are the big questions," he said.

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After uprising

- **Human Rights Watch** pointed to five main issues that dominated the relationship between Western governments and their Arab autocratic friends: the threat of political Islam, the fight against terrorism, support for Israel, protection of the oil flow and co-operation in stemming immigration.
- **Even after the leaders of Egypt, Libya and Tunisia** were toppled, Western governments remained hesitant to lean too hard on other shaky authoritarian leaders, the group said. China and Russia acted "obstructionist," using their veto power at the UN security council to halt pressure on Syria to stop killings of protesters.
- **The popular uprisings** also have alarmed other repressive regimes such as China, Zimbabwe, North Korea, Ethiopia, Vietnam, and Uzbekistan, where rulers were worried about facing similar fates.

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U.S. talking to Afghan insurgent group

Hizb-i-Islami, or Islamic party, had ties to al-Qaida

Anxious to accelerate peace moves, top-level U.S. officials have held talks with a representative of an insurgent movement led by a former Afghan prime minister who has been branded a terrorist by Washington, a relative of the rebel leader says.

Dr. Ghairat Baheer, a representative and son-in-law of longtime Afghan warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, said he had met separately with David Petraeus, former commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan and now CIA director, and had face-to-face discussions earlier this month with U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker and U.S. Marine Gen. John Allen, currently the top commander in the country.

Baheer, who was released in 2008 after six years in U.S. detention at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan, described his talks with U.S. officials as nascent and exploratory.

Yet, Baheer says the discussions show that the U.S. knows that in addition to getting the blessing of Taliban chief Mullah Mohammad Omar — a bitter rival of Hekmatyar even though both are fighting international troops — any peace deal would have to be supported by Hekmatyar, who has thousands of fighters and followers.

"Hizb-i-Islami is a reality that no one can ignore," Baheer said. "For a while, the United States and the Kabul government tried not to give so much importance to Hizb-i-Islami, but now they have come to the conclusion that they cannot make it without Hizb-i-Islami."

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▶ People watch dog fighting during a local competition in Lahore, Pakistan, on Sunday.

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China ushers in the new year

Let there be red trousers, dumplings and fireworks for all Chinese worldwide kicking off one of the year's most important celebrations

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN BEIJING

"May gold and jade come to fill your home." China is celebrating its Spring Festival on Monday. This special day marks the start of the Chinese year 4710 and eight days of feasting and wishing peace, happiness and prosperity to each other. In China, the elderly will enjoy the much-awaited annual show on state television while their married children will cook and visit friends and family.

The economy and industry will grind to a halt. The trains will be chaos as millions of people leave the factories and big cities in the south to rush home. But it's worth all the hassle: Chinese New Year is the only time migrant workers get to see their families.

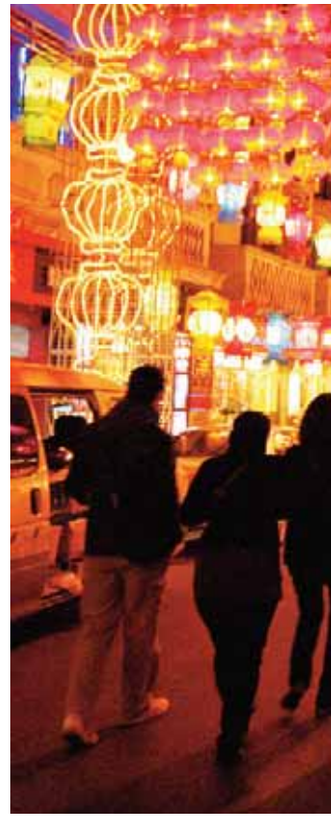
The Spring Festival celebrations are all-day affairs; the louder, the better, in order to scare away evil spirits.

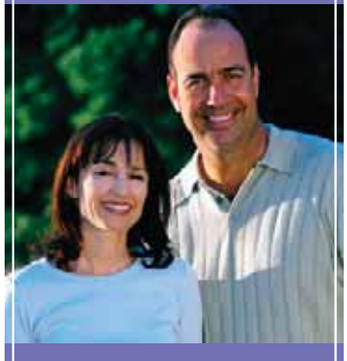
In Shanghai, the shopping malls have swapped their Christmas decorations for red paper lanterns, statues of dragons and loud traditional music.

In Beijing, firecrackers are sold at every corner and lit anytime of the day. A word of caution: Two people died last year in the capital because of fireworks.

Chinese New Year is also a food festival. Prime Minister Wen Jiabao enjoys turning up every year at a worker's house, with a little apron, to cook dumplings in front of the cameras.

Most people enjoy cheap yet healthy food, such as sweet clementines, taro cakes, braised catfish and some delicious pudding made of rice and sugar.





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▶ Celebrations are all-day affairs; the louder, the better, in order to scare away evil spirits.

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▶ Jordan Pouille checks out ornaments at a silk market in Beijing.

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▶ New Year's food tends to be cheap and healthy.

How will you celebrate?

Ma Xiao Ling
FARMER IN MING QIN, GANSU PROVINCE
"As we're poor, this is the only period of the year when we meet. But I will paint some poetry on my doorstep to make our farm more welcoming."

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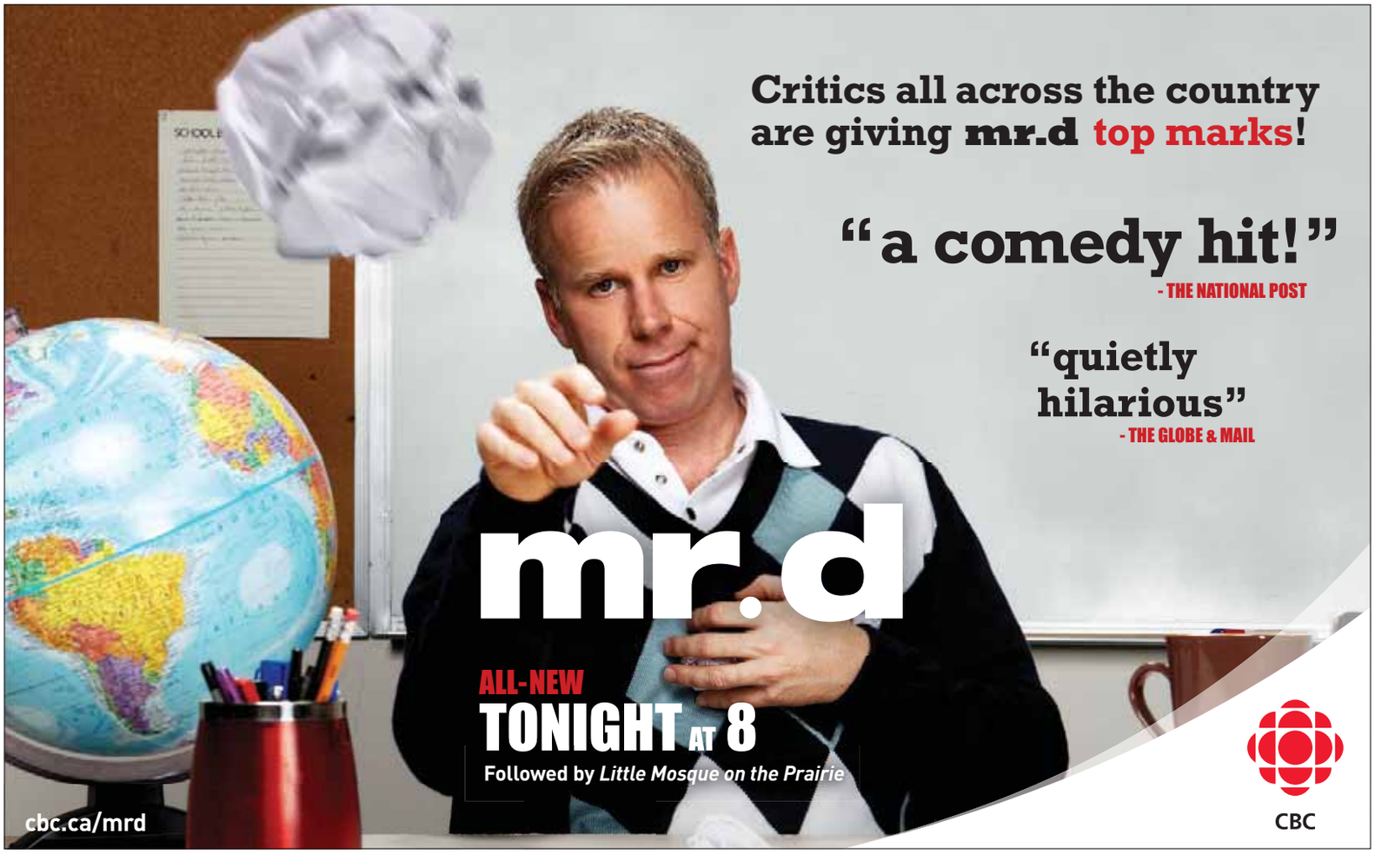
"We will cook all kinds of dishes for the family and make sure our husbands don't drink too much rice alcohol or they will do silly things on the frozen river."



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Klub. Radio

▶ Protesting Hungarians hold a banner with a portrait of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, reading "Get away, Dark Lord!" during a demonstration Sunday in Budapest in support of Hungary's sole opposition radio station, Klubradio.

REUTERS

Hungarians rally for free speech

Several thousand people have rallied in support of a Budapest radio station critical of the government, which may soon be forced to shut down. Klubradio has some 400,000 listeners and is considered the country's only opposition radio.

Giffords stepping down to recover from attack

Democratic officials held out hope for months that rep might recover sufficiently to run for re-election

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona announced Sunday she intends to resign from Congress this week to concentrate on recovering from wounds suffered in an assassination attempt that shook the country a little more than a year ago.

"I don't remember much from that horrible day, but I will never forget the trust you placed in me to be your voice," the Democratic lawmaker said in a video posted on Facebook.

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▶ Gabrielle Giffords

"I'm getting better. Every day my spirit is high," she said. "I have more work to do on my recovery. So to do what's best for Arizona, I will step down this week."

Giffords was shot in the head and grievously wounded last January as she was meeting with constituents outside a supermarket in Tucson, Ariz. Her progress had seemed remarkable, to the point that she was able to walk into the House of Representatives chamber last August to cast a vote.

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Romney cools in South Carolina

Republican hopeful stumbles in debate when asked about tax returns ◐ Gingrich stirs up conservative base

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▶ Mitt Romney

By most accounts, Mitt Romney is said to be exactly how his wife of 42 years has long described him — an adoring and attentive husband and a loving father and grandfather to his brood of sons and grandkids.

Yet he was trounced on Saturday night in a family-values state by a man renowned for cheating on two wives. He's now married to a third, who was once his extra-marital mistress of several years.

Not only that, but Newt Gingrich is bitterly disliked and distrusted by many of his former congressional colleagues and was once fined $300,000 for ethics violations when he was speaker of the House of Representatives.

But Gingrich, 68, achieved what Romney could not in South Carolina — he connected with the Republican party's conservative base with a pair of fiery debate performances last week.

Congressman James Clyburn, a Democrat from South Carolina, said Romney simply failed miserably to forge any ties with the state's voters, who prefer their politicians with some fire in their bellies.

"Romney seemed not to be able to connect with his base; he really separated himself from the voters," Clyburn said Sunday on CNN.

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Oprah. Power

▶ U.S. talk show host Oprah Winfrey reacts during an interview at the Jaipur Literature Festival in Jaipur, India, Sunday.

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Oprah touts Obama re-election

While addressing the literary festival, Winfrey said she was confident that U.S. President Barack Obama will win another four-year term in this year's U.S. election. Winfrey backed Obama during the 2008 presidential campaign in her first-ever political endorsement.

Abortion clinics may show TV ads

Britain's broadcast advertising body has given the go-ahead for private abortion clinics to advertise their services on television, angering those who say that the move desensitizes the public to the practice.

British law allows abortion up to the 24th week of pregnancy, so long as two doctors agree the procedure would cause less harm to a woman's health than carrying the fetus to term.

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Obama backs woman's right to choose

President Barack Obama is marking the 39th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark Roe v. Wade decision that established a woman's right to an abortion. Obama says the court's decision also makes clear that government should stay out of family matters.

The president says he's committed to protecting a woman's right to choose "this fundamental constitutional right."

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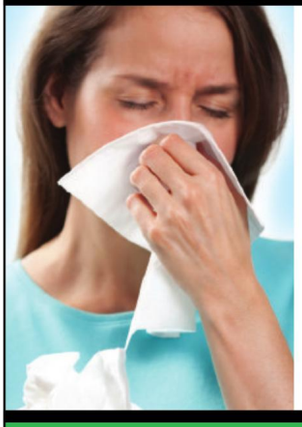
New Orleans' officer latest to face probe

Twenty New Orleans police officers have been charged in a series of probes by the Justice Department's civil rights division since 2010. A retired sergeant assigned to investigate deadly police shootings on a bridge after Hurricane Katrina will be the last of those officers to get his day in court. A trial is scheduled to start today for Gerard Dugue, charged with participating in a coverup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cold and Flu season is back



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Anne's story: "I love sodas, chips, candy and chocolate. Admittedly, I let sugar control my eating habits. Whenever I was tired, I would grab some sweets from my bag, and in the evenings, I would get tempted by chocolate and ice cream. I felt like a sugar junkie and I was growing out of my clothes."

I lacked willpower

"I stopped by my health food store one day to get some help. The storeowner was not surprised about my problems with sugar. He explained that when we eat simple sugars, our blood sugar can fluctuate too much and that can create more hunger and the accommodating weight gain.

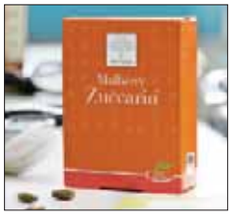
He suggested that I try a 3-week "sugar detox" using a new supplement called Mulberry Zuccarin. "It will help stabilize your blood sugars naturally by cutting the amount of calories you uptake", he explained, "and stable blood sugar helps you control your sugar cravings."

Cheating the sugar – with Mulberry Zuccarin

"I followed the storeowner's advice and took one tablet with each meal that contained carbohydrates. The mulberry extract would block the calories in the carbohydrates from being fully digested. In other words, I could "cheat" with Zuccarin. So I could eat carbohydrates and not have to worry so much about my weight. I liked that idea!"

Suddenly, I felt it work

"As the days went by, and I kept taking my Zuccarin tablets, I noticed that the health store owner was right. I thought less about sugar now! By the end of the second week, my energy had increased and I started to feel great. I had actually changed my eating habits with Mulberry Zuccarin, and as a bonus, I started to fit into my old clothes again. Hurrah!"



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Clandestine passengers aboard capsized Concordia?

19 people listed missing, but there could be more who are unregistered passengers: Rescue official ◆ Cruise liner officer dismisses allegations

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▶ Costa Crociere liner company's first officer Nicola Della Porta, left, and employee Luana Oliveri in Genoa, Italy, Sunday. Rescuers on Sunday resumed searching the above-water section of the capsized Costa Concordia cruise liner, but choppy seas kept divers from exploring the submerged part, where officials have said there could be more bodies.

Unregistered passengers might have been aboard the stricken cruise liner that capsized off a Tuscan island, a top rescue official said, raising the possibility that the number of missing might be higher than previously announced.

Divers, meanwhile, pulled a woman's body from the capsized Costa Concordia on Sunday, raising the number of people dead to 13 in the Jan. 13 accident. Civil protection official Francesca Maffini said the victim was wearing a life-jacket and was found in the rear of a submerged portion of the ship by a team of fire department divers.

Earlier, Italian authorities raised the possibility that the real number of the missing was unknown because some unregistered passengers might have been aboard. "There could have been X persons who we don't know about who were inside, who were clandestine passengers aboard the ship," said Franco Gabrielli, the national civil protection official in charge of the rescue effort on the island of Giglio, where the ship, with 4,200 people aboard, rammed a reef and sliced open its hull.

Gabrielli said that relatives of a Hungarian woman have told Italian authorities that she had telephoned them from aboard the ship and that they haven't heard from her since the accident. He said it was possible that a woman's body pulled from the wreckage by divers on Saturday might be that of the unregistered passenger.

Authorities are trying to identify five corpses that are badly decomposed. Gabrielli said they have identified eight other bodies. The missing include French passengers, an elderly American couple, a Peruvian crew member and an Indian crewman, and an Italian father and his five-year-old daughter.

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U.S. groups donated to both Canadian gov't, environmentalists

Records show feds accepted funds from 'radical' oilsand foes

Rich American foundations are not only footing the bill for opposition to Canada's oilsands, tax returns show the Canadian government has also been the beneficiary of millions of dollars in largesse from some of the wealthiest private organizations in the United States.

And some of that money came from the same U.S. groups that helped fund Canadian environmentalists.

The grants to the federal government come to light as Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives and the pro-oilsands website EthicalOil.org take Canadian environmental groups to task for accepting money from big American foundations to finance their campaigns against the oilsands.

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▶ Joe Oliver

Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver accused "environmental and other radical groups" of trying to use money from "foreign special-interest groups" to hijack hearings on a pipeline that would bring Alberta oilsands bitumen to a port on the British Columbia coast.

But the Canadian government seems to have no qualms accepting grant money from private U.S. foundations — including some of the same organizations that gave to Canadian environmental groups. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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MONEY WOES TO CONTINUE

U.S. market may never fully recover, says Carney

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney says the U.S. economy could take years to recover from its current weak state — and may never return to its glory days.

"The nature of the U.S. recovery, it's going to take a number of years before they get back to the U.S. that we used to know," Carney told CTV's Question Period. "In fact, they are not in our opinion ultimately going to get back fully to the U.S. we used to know."

The weak U.S. market is costing the Canadian economy $30 billion annually in lost exports..

And while the central bank is predicting a 0.6 per cent hit to the Canadian economy — worth about $10 billion — from the European economic crisis, Carney says consumer spending and business investment will prevent Canada from sliding backwards. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Upon foregoing Complaint, it is ordered by the Court that the Plaintiff notify the above listed Defendants, that on March 14, 2012, or within twenty (20) days from the said day cause his written appearance and written answer or other lawful pleadings to be served upon Robert F. Dionisi, Jr., Esquire, Diosini/O'Rourke LLP, Suite 214, 365 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA, 01776, and defend against said complaint according to law, if he intends to make a defense, otherwise the said complaint may be adjudged and orders and Judgements may be entered therein in his absence by publication of an attested copy hereof in the following periodicals:

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Marijuana formulas may hit U.S. shelves

British company testing world's first drug developed from raw marijuana Hopes to see FDA approval by 2013

A quarter-century after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first prescription drugs based on the main psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, additional medicines derived from or inspired by the cannabis plant itself could soon be making their way to pharmacy shelves, according to drug companies, small biotech firms and university scientists.

A British company, GW Pharma, is in advanced clinical trials for the world's first pharmaceutical developed from raw marijuana instead of synthetic equivalents — a mouth spray it hopes to market in the U.S. as a treatment for cancer pain.

Sativex contains marijuana's two best-known components, delta 9-THC and cannabidiol, and already has been approved in Canada, New Zealand and eight European countries for relieving muscle spasms associated with multiple sclerosis.

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▶Sativex, the first pharmaceutical from marijuana, may soon be marketed as treatment for cancer pain.

FDA approval would represent an important milestone in the nation's often uneasy relationship with marijuana, which 16 states and the District of Columbia already allow residents to use legally with doctors' recommendations.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration categorizes pot as a dangerous drug with no medical value, but the availability of a chemically similar prescription drug could increase pressure on the federal government to revisit its position and encourage other drug companies to follow in GW Pharma's footsteps.

The company is also developing drugs with different cannabis formulations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Tanya Neumeyer performs at a poetry slam.

POETRY ISN'T DEAD ON STAGE

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If you want to get an idea of poetry's standing in the world of literary arts, a good place to start is Google. When you type the words "poetry is" into a search, the first thing that comes up is "dead" followed by "stupid." So I'm not taking a particularly bold stance by saying this art form is not terribly popular these days. When I was doing a writing degree in university, only a small handful of my classmates choose to pursue poetry, but only because their hearts were fully committed to the fading craft. They knew going in that their life path wasn't going to lead to being on Forbes' top earners' list, or gracing the pages of US Weekly. That's not what poetry is about.

"If a poet lost his or her train of thought a.k.a. "dropping a poem," audience members would snap, which is a way to show support..."

That said, spend some time with those who have chosen to devote their lives to poetry, or an incarnation of it, and I dare you not to leave feeling at least slightly roused. That's what happened to me recently when I stumbled upon a poetry slam at Supermarket in Kensington.

Poetry slams are similar to stand-up in that a performer is allotted a certain amount of time under a spotlight to recount a story using pacing, intonation and rhythm — but the tone isn't expected to be funny (although often it is).

"It's such a range of material," says David Silverberg, artistic director of Toronto Poetry Slam, "It astounds people who think poetry is T.S. Eliot and (William) Wordsworth, and realize that 'Hey, this stuff is pretty relevant to my daily experience.' "

On the night I went, slam artists performed poems about attempted suicides, growing up black in the South, and a bear in search of honey. If a poet lost his or her train of thought a.k.a. "dropping a poem," audience members would snap, which is a way to show support or enthusiasm, in lieu of clapping or hollering.

It was a supportive, enthusiastic and full crowd that proved poetry is not dead. Rather, it's living a full, healthy life, at least to those who care.

"It is such a niche art form so it's going to foster a community," says Silverberg of the slam fans.

There's a regular slam at the Drake, which generally sells out. The next one is this Saturday. Go to torontopoetryslam.com for more information.

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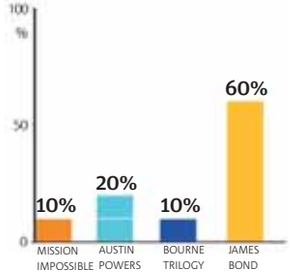

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▶ **@SUTORAIKUanime:** We'd like to wish everyone a Happy Chinese New Year! We're accepting red envelopes.

▶ **@RapsFan:** I would love to have DeAndre Jordan man the paint for the Raptors; dude locks it down

▶ **@iTzSegaUebo:** I'm not even joking I think father henry carr is better than the raptors LOL

▶ **@alex_pcbff:** Patrick Chan has just had another flawless skate. Its moments like these that make me proud to be Canadian.

▶ **@katiemaefrances:** Patrick Chan just broke the 300 mark. Wow! Such an incredible skate!

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Globe trotter

Dutch dream

Laura Dekker shows her passport where an immigration stamp shows the word Guppy, after arriving at Simpson Bay, St. Maarten, on Jan. 21.

The teenager ended a yearlong voyage aboard her sailboat named Guppy, making her the youngest person ever to sail alone around the globe. She was born to parents living on a boat near the coast of New Zealand and by age 10 she began dreaming about crossing the globe.

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"There were moments where I was like, 'What the hell am I doing out here?,' but I never wanted to stop ... It's a dream, and I wanted to do it."
LAURA DEKKER

Record not recognized

The Guinness World Records and the World Sailing Speed Record Council did not verify her youngest sailor title, saying they no longer recognize records for youngest sailors to discourage dangerous attempts.

Dutch authorities tried to block Dekker's trip, arguing she was too young to risk her life, while school officials complained she should be in a classroom.

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World tour

The teenager covered more than 27,000 nautical miles on a trip with stops that sound like a skim through a travel magazine: the Canary Islands, Panama, the Galapagos Islands, Tonga, Fiji, Bora Bora, Australia, South Africa and now, St. Maarten, from which she set out on Jan. 20, 2011.

▶ Inset: Dekker hugs her mom and sister upon her arrival.

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Maggie-mania

She was Europe's first female head of government. But that distinction didn't matter to Margaret Thatcher She was the Iron Lady, after all, a woman on a mission to revolutionize her country.

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"Defeat — I do not recognize the meaning of the word!" Margaret Thatcher wasn't called the Iron Lady for nothing.

And, despite the fact that she left 10 Downing Street 21 years ago, she commands fascination and fear. In fact, the Iron Lady — with Meryl Streep as a supreme Thatcher — has inspired a new Maggie-mania.

"My mother is an ex-hippie who starts crying when one mentions Thatcher, but many people in my generation feel a strong admiration for Thatcher," says Max Wind-Cowie, 26, a public opinion researcher at Demos, a London think tank. "People don't always agree with her policies, but at least you knew what she stood for. With today's politicians you can't really tell what they believe in."

To be sure, the Iron Lady knew what she believed in: individual liberty, free enterprise and anti-Communism.

"Even though there aren't many real Thatcherites, people who subscribe to Thatcher's ideology, left, many people look back at her with nostalgia", notes Richard Vinen, Professor of Modern European History at King's College, London, and author of Thatcher's Britain.

"Especially now, with the EU in crisis, people remember her for her opposition to the EU."

Indeed, today's Britain seems much closer to Thatcher's beliefs than the Britain she ruled. Last year 54 per cent of Britons thought social benefits (to low-income households) were too high, compared to 35 per cent in 1983. "Sympathy for people at the bottom of the heap has evaporated," notes Wind-Cowie.

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▶ Spot 10 differences. Margaret Thatcher, left, and Meryl Streep, right, as the Iron Lady.

Thatcher's actions

1. Kept Britain out of the single European currency.
2. Marginalized Britain's powerful trade unions. The move caused high unemployment, and anger, in Britain's North.
3. Privatized gas, electricity, telephony, British Airways and British Rail.
4. Cut welfare benefits.
5. Stood up to the Soviet Union, supported by Ronald Reagan.
6. Won the Falklands War against Argentina.

Box office

Kate Beckinsale is back with a vengeance, with her Underworld movie opening at No. 1 this weekend.
Underworld Awakening made an estimated $25.4 million, its distributor Sony Screen Gems reported Sunday.
Opening in second place was Red Tails from George Lucas.
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The Artist is silent but golden, beating out The Descendants for the Producers Guild Award.

A day in the life of Maggie

The champion of individual responsibility can't remember anything, let alone take care of herself.

Margaret Thatcher suffers from dementia. "Though there's currently a lot of research into its causes, dementia is still an illness without a cure," explains Dr. Claudia Cooper, Lecturer in old-age psychiatry at University College, London.

"Patients often get lost or forget to eat, and they can also get depression or physical health problems."

▶ Margaret Thatcher.

The Iron Lady, ruler of the box office

A political movie, how dull. But Meryl Streep as Maggie Thatcher is a completely different matter.

During its first weekend in British cinemas, The Iron Lady captured the top box office spot, taking over $5 million .

This figure is nearly three times the box office achieved by The Queen when it opened in 2006.

Twentieth Century Fox, the film's distributor, reported that The Iron Lady even did well in Britain's North, where Thatcher remains disliked, even loathed. Meryl Streep won a Golden Globe for the role.

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▶ Meryl Streep as the Iron Lady.

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Not a typical teacher film

Monsieur Lazhar is getting rave reviews It's about an immigrant who teaches at a Montreal elementary school after a popular teacher's suicide

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"It's a sweet spot," says Philippe Falardeau when asked about his position after the success of Monsieur Lazhar, which has already copped major awards from the Toronto International Film Festival and the Toronto Film Critics Association before its theatrical release on Friday.

"I don't think anybody has the exact recipe for that mixture between making personal cinema and having a commercial breakthrough. When I finished the film, I was tired and I said to myself 'I did my best, but it's going to go deep under the radar.' And you know, I was wrong."

That's an understatement: Falardeau's film has already earned $1.9 million dollars at the box office in his native Quebec, which is more than the combined box office total of his three previous features.

Monsieur Lazhar doesn't have a blockbuster storyline — it's about an Algerian immigrant (Mohamed Fellag) who seizes the opportunity to teach at a Montreal elementary school after a popular teacher's suicide — but the director's sensitive approach to the material has gotten the attention of critics and arthouse audiences alike.

Falardeau adapted Monsieur Lazhar from a play by Evelyne de la Chenelière which was notable for being a one-man show, with all of the supporting characters seen through the eyes of eponymous protagonist.

Falardeau says that he had "all kinds of manoeuvring space" in transforming the story into an ensemble piece, but that he also had to be careful once he brought Lazhar's students into the equation.

"I didn't want the film to be too cute," he says. "I mean, the kids could be cute, but not the movie."

He succeeded in his mandate: while many of the scenes between the teacher and his young charges are quite funny, they're bereft of the sentimentality that creeps into so many films about inspiring educators.

The child performers give very natural performances, which Falardeau says has to do with his unique approach to directing underage actors.

"With the kids, I close my eyes during the scene so I know it's true to the ear. Because they can be fun to watch, but then you're not listening. When you close your eyes it's easier to tell if what they're saying sounds like what someone would say in real life. So I try to direct more with my ear than with my eye."

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▶ Monsieur Lazhar opens Friday in Toronto.

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The real wolfman

Badass Liam Neeson is back for more kick-butt action
Film has him square off against ferocious wild dogs

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Evidenced by his recent spate of ass-kicking roles, Liam Neeson seems like the scariest actor in Hollywood.

Tall, broad and blunt, he cuts an intimidating profile, and watching him face down a pack of ravenous wolves in his new film — the mythic, man-versus-nature thriller the Grey — he seems like an equally ferocious creature, especially after he duct-tapes broken airplane liquor bottles to his knuckles.

To hear Neeson tell it, however, he wouldn't last five minutes in the sub-zero conditions his character endures. "I'd curl up and die," the Irish actor says. "On our first day, cameras were malfunctioning and equipment wasn't working, and I thought, 'This is ludicrous.'"

In the last three years, Neeson has remodeled his imposing dramatic pedigree to suit action fans, spawning the unofficial Neesploitation sub-genre — with films like Taken, Unknown and now the Grey — where he squares off against a rogue's gallery of international baddies and proves he's not to be trifled with. While his command of the screen is undeniable, he insists he's not the alpha-male type he's become synonymous with in his films. "I can play them, but in life, I'm not one."

The Grey, which opened in theatres last weekend, reunites Neeson with his the A-Team director, Joe Carnahan, whose survivalist thriller about a small group of plane crash survivors lost in the frozen north appealed to Neeson on both visceral and existential levels. "The script read like a 19th century epic poem for me, something like the Ancient Mariner or something," Neeson says. Although Neeson's recent foray into action has led him from the more cerebral films that helped make his name, he says he's doing movies like the Grey because he's asked to, not because he feels compelled to test himself physically. "Taken came out three years ago, and they're offering me a lot of these action films," he reveals. "I think my knees can maybe hold out another year, but that's it."

▶ Liam Neeson jokes that his knees are probably only going to hold out for another year doing action films.

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Living on the ledge

The Man on a Ledge stars talk about their battles with pigeons and vertigo while shooting the film

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When making a movie while precariously perched on the side of a Manhattan building, even the most powerful Hollywood producer or überskilled stunt teams can't keep you safe from your true nemesis: Pigeons.

"You're in their world," Man on a Ledge star Sam Worthington says. "And the more you squawk at them, the more they laugh at you."

Co-star Elizabeth Banks agrees. "I was always worried they were going to fly into my head," she says.

"I didn't really care about the whole pooping-on-me thing, that can happen. But they'd just kind of dart around every once in awhile and I was like, 'No, no, no! Don't come near me!'"

The film, about a cop-turned-convict-turned-fugitive (Worthington) who has to be talked off the ledge of a high-rise building by a New York Police Department hostage negotiator (Banks), was shot "practically," which means that when it looks like the actors are standing on the side of a building, they're actually on the side of a building — not on a set or in front of a green screen somewhere.

The filmmakers constructed a massive shooting apparatus that allowed them to make their movie in the pigeon's playground.

"Everyone was really committed to giving the audience the experience of being up that high with us and giving you vertigo," Banks says.

"I actually wanted [the film] to be in 3D," Worthington adds, "but then, when I watched it, I realized you don't need it.

"It has this sweeping arc and you get to experience what it felt like up there."

That feeling being? "Fear," Worthington grins. "Not of falling, but of landing, because you'd go splat. You do hang on for grim life. I always had a palm on the wall somewhere."

As for Banks, the hardest part of the job was fighting basic human nature.

"Your body has an instinct, which is fight or flight, and it's telling you to get out of this crazy, dangerous situation," Banks explains. "Your hearts races, you get the sweaty palms, your adrenaline pumps, but you're battling your psychological, emotional reaction."

Man on the Ledge opens this weekend in theatres across North America.

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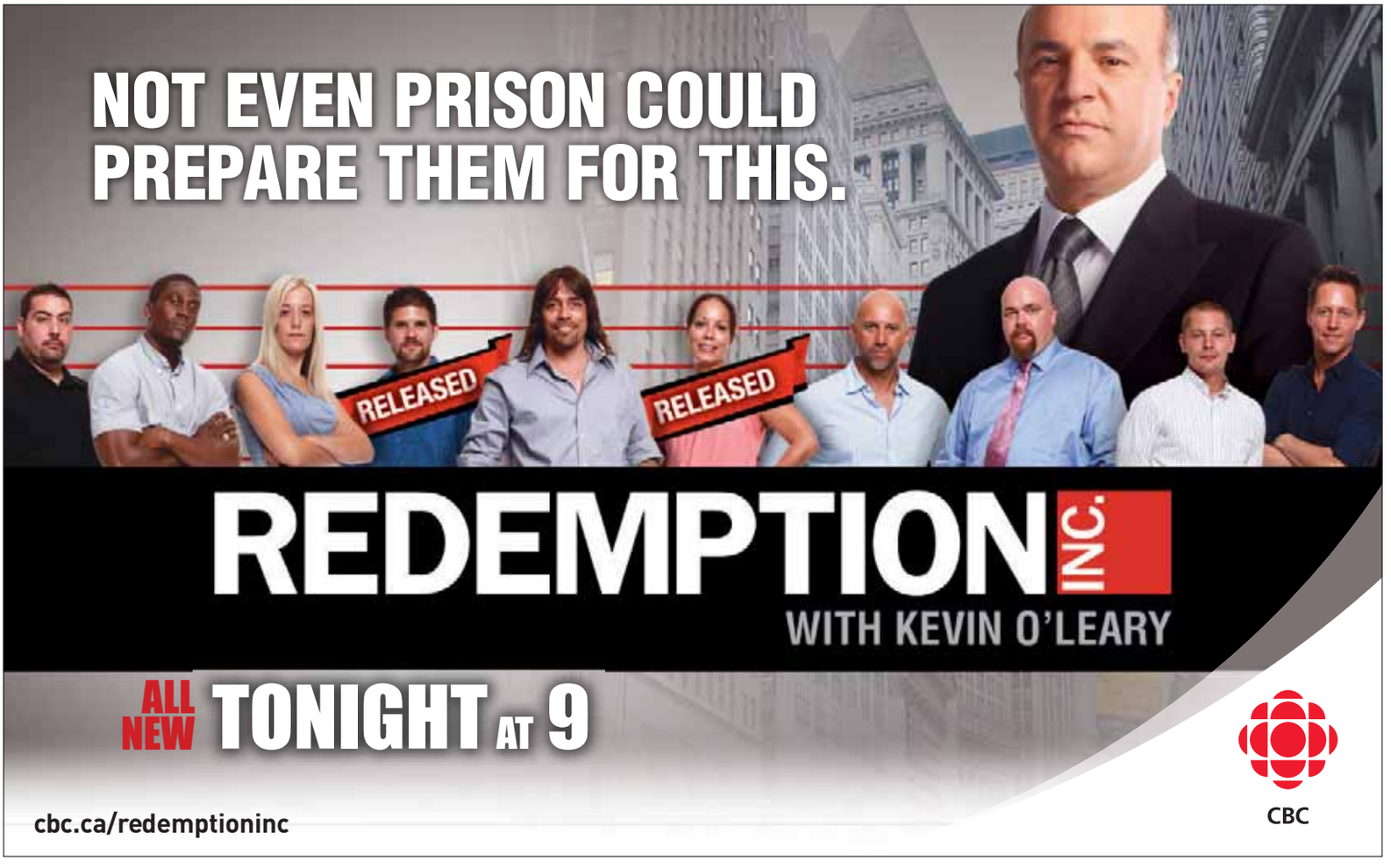
▶ Elizabeth Banks and Sam Worthington star in Man on a Ledge.



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Gimme 5, up high

With Red Tails opening this past weekend, here's a look at five great movies about airplanes

Red Tails, in theatres now, is about the first black fighter pilots in the United States: the Tuskegee Airmen who finally saw battle in the skies over Europe during the Second World War.

It's a story that's very much worth telling. As well, it presents a good opportunity to take a look at five movies about airplanes that really do soar.

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Airplane! (1980)
Not just one of the best airplane movies ever, not just one of the best comedies ever.
This is one of my absolute favourite movies ever, regardless of genre.
When the LA Film Critics Association asked its members to fill out a questionnaire and choose one movie everyone should see, I didn't pick Citizen Kane. I picked this. It's a dead-on spoof of all those 1970s Airport disaster movies, the one to which all subsequent parodies have aspired. The tone is so perfect, the cast is so great, and the script is so jammed with classic lines.

Wings (1927)
This was the first film to win the Academy Award for best picture and the only silent film ever to achieve that honour.
A restored print of Wings recently was shown to a packed house at the Motion Picture Academy with live organ accompaniment, and it was a huge treat to see it in that setting. This tale of First World War fighter pilots, starring Charles Rogers, Richard Arlen and an insanely adorable Clara Bow, was at the time the most expensive movie Paramount had ever made. The budget was set at $1.2 million but it ballooned to $2.1 million.

United 93 (2006)
Paul Greengrass' reenactment of the hijacking of United Airlines Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001, which crashed into a Pennsylvania field after passengers foiled the terrorist plot, sounded like a daunting prospect. We know all too well how it's going to end long before it begins, and his documentary-style realism would surely add to the agony.
But it is that very realism and Greengrass' respectful attention to detail that make it impossible not to feel engrossed with every fibre in your being. This film is definitely an edge-of-your-seat thriller.

Top Gun (1986)
This is the 1980s in film form: all the bombast and patriotism, all the big hair and shoulder pads, with Tom Cruise at the height of his powers playing a fighter pilot named — in all seriousness — Maverick.
Cruise was still young and sexy back then, and Top Gun wasn't exactly subtle in celebrating his cocky, brash screen persona.
Or as his superior puts it in scolding him: "Son, your ego is writing checks your body can't cash."
Cruise, Anthony Edwards and Val Kilmer play students at an elite flying academy.

North by Northwest (1959)
This is a cheat, I will acknowledge that. But the crop-duster scene is so iconic that when I think of movies about airplanes, I think of this. It isn't just one of the most famous scenes in an Alfred Hitchcock film, it's one of the most famous scenes in film history, period. Cary Grant, a victim of mistaken identity who finds himself wrongly accused of murder, goes on the run. In his hunt for clues to the mystery, he winds up on a rural highway in the middle of nowhere, where he's repeatedly buzzed by an armed crop-dusting plane.

An electric journey

Neil Young picks up the pace with new concert film, played recently at the Slamdance Film Festival

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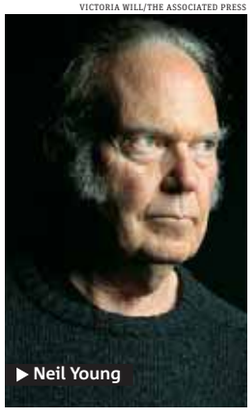

▶ Neil Young

Neil Young recalls how his first concert film with director Jonathan Demme was a lush, stately tribute to country music.

He says their latest, Neil Young Journeys, is more like an electric bolt, with a "grinding, blinding beauty to it."

Their 2006 film Neil Young: Heart of Gold premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and was a reflective, comforting chronicle of two shows Young performed at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium alongside such longtime musical comrades as Emmylou Harris, Ben Keith and Spooner Oldham.

Journeys is a raw, thunderous counterpart, filmed by Demme at Toronto's Massey Hall during the closing shows of Young's solo tour last year. Solo often implies intimate and acoustic, but Young wails away on electric guitar, harmonica, piano and organ throughout the show.

The new film played Saturday at the Slamdance Film Festival, a rival showcase to Sundance. Demme says it was a fitting place because both Slamdance and the film share something of a "bad-boy" attitude.

"Journeys is so different from Heart of Gold. It's like the other side of the universe," Young, 66, said in an interview alongside Demme. "Heart of Gold was a massive production with great caretaking to present this whole image of this forgotten style of presenting music, in this great old chapel of country music. ...

"This film we just made is so opposite of that. It's just one person. The sound is completely different and the attitude of it is different. The look is different. ... The sounds are kind of enveloping. You get to move way inside, whereas, Heart of Gold, you're way back, going, 'Oh, it's beautiful seeing it from the back, seeing all these beautiful people, these great musicians.' And this one here, you're like inside my instrument, inside the distortion of the guitar. There's nothing in the way."

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Partnership

- Demme and Young seem to be on a never-ending film journey. The new movie marks the fourth film collaboration between Young and Demme, the Academy Award-winning director of The Silence of the Lambs.

Plenty of swag to go around

Where there are celebrities, there is swag, and the Sundance Film Festival is no exception. Nearly a dozen gift suites opened their doors Friday afternoon along Park City, Utah's Main Street.

Kate Bosworth, Andy Samberg, Emma Roberts and Rashida Jones are among the famous folks who stopped by the VEVO PowerStation SOREL Suite, where they could indulge in moisturizing facials and lip treatments from Fresh cosmetics and outfit their feet in snow-ready footwear.

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▶ Actress Rashida Jones, left, and her father Quincy Jones, pose at the premiere of Celeste and Jesse Forever at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

Rashida shares spotlight

Rashida Jones was almost upstaged by her famous father, Quincy Jones, at the Sundance premiere of her film, Celeste and Jesse Forever, but the actress and screenwriter didn't mind.

"He's what he is and he will always be and has always been, way before I was here," Jones said Saturday. "I feel lucky to hang out with him. And we're different, too. People like us for different reasons."

She added that her dad loved the film, which explores the nature of relationships, marriage and its meaning in society.

Jones' first screenwriting effort (with co-writer Will McCormack) emerged from "pain, lots of pain."

"We're both very deeply feeling people, and we love to talk about relationships and love and feelings," she said.

Jones stars in the film alongside Andy Samberg, Emma Roberts and Elijah Wood.

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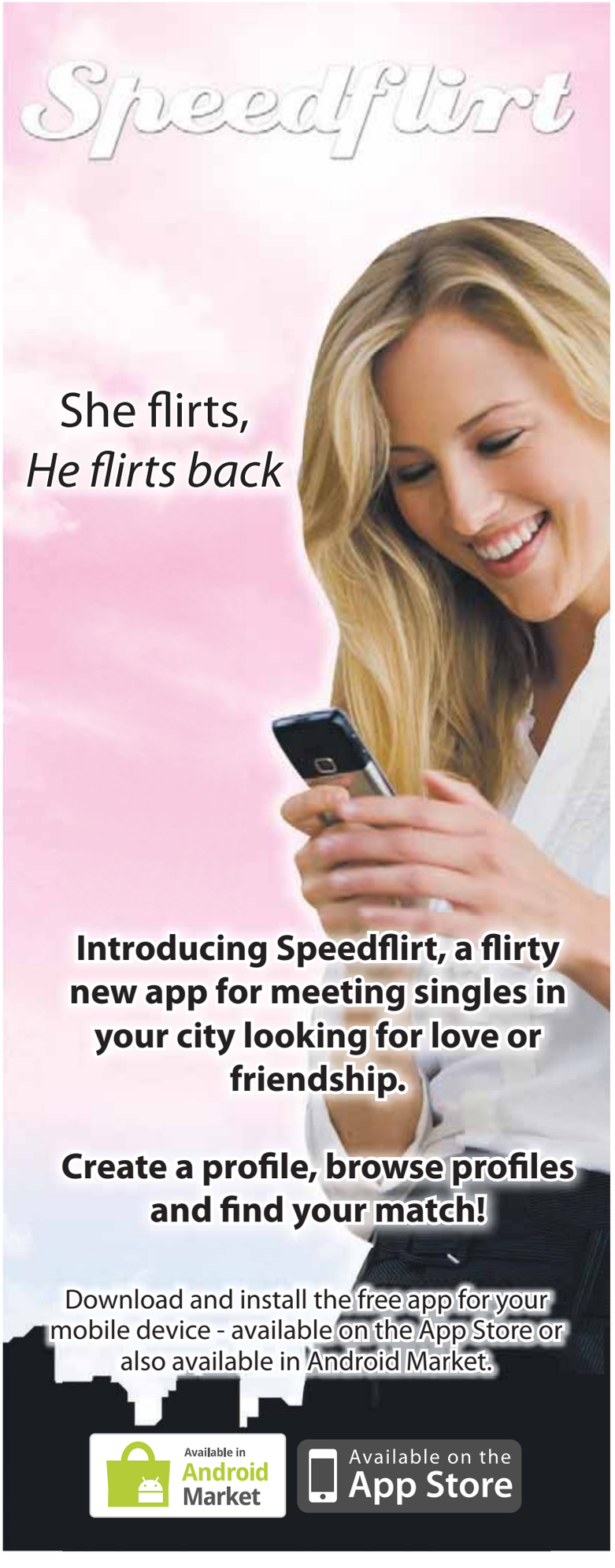
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Helping parents avoid the 'pitfalls'

Canadian actor Jay Baruchel aids in launch of his mother's guidebook for parents of actors

Film star Jay Baruchel says he couldn't have made it without his mother's help during an 18-year acting career that has seen him work with stars including Clint Eastwood, Hilary Swank, Morgan Freeman and Robert Downey Jr.

"She was amazing," Baruchel said of his mom recently at the launch of the newest edition of her guide aimed at helping the parents of budding actors.

"She's a soldier, she's a warrior, she doesn't suffer fools lightly and her priority was making sure that I was rested, fed and taken care of, which is what a parent's concern should be.

"I literally couldn't have made it without her."

The star of Tropic Thunder and How to Train Your Dragon was at a Montreal theatre with his younger sister Taylor to launch the latest edition of his mother Robyne Baruchel's The Stage Parent Survival Guide, first put out by actors' union ACTRA in 2002.

"I think the good hockey parents and good stage parents are just good parents regardless of what their kids are doing."
JAY BARUCHEL

The guide spells out ACTRA rules for parents and guardians of school-aged kids who want to work in Canadian film and TV.

Robyne Baruchel says it's crucial for parents to learn the ropes of the industry so they can ensure their kids are protected.

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▶ Author Robyne Baruchel and her two children, Jay, left, and Taylor respond at the launching of the book The Stage Parent Survival Guide recently in Montreal.

"When I started, I knew nothing," she said.

"I didn't know where to go, I didn't know what to do and I always thought if I had someone to go to or some sort of resource that I could go to I would have probably avoided some of the pitfalls that are part and parcel of raising kids in that industry."

She's aware of the stereotypes of stage parents, often portrayed in tell-all Hollywood memoirs as shrieking, demanding lunatics out to make a buck off their kids. But Jay Baruchel says his mother is light years from that and she says she's not alone.

"The ones you hear about are the ones who make bad moves and bad decisions," Robyne Baruchel said. "You never hear about the thousands of normal, wonderful, loving parents who just want to do this to support their kids in this as they would in hockey or soccer."
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A Valiant comeback

After long hiatus, Valiant Comics returning in May with familiar face: X-O Manowar

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▶ X-O Manowar

Valiant Comics is bringing its premiere hero back to the pages of comics after a nearly decade-long absence, debuting X-O Manowar in May and promising a hero that longtime fans will know but with new adventures that will carry him to new heights.

"Plenty of foundation was laid in the original X-O Manowar run, and when I went back and read those stories, the possibilities leapt out at me," writer Robert Venditti said recently.

He said his goal is to "build upon the foundation that has already been laid. Of course, new characters and story elements will be introduced, but it will always be done with the aim of staying true to what has made X-O such a beloved character."

An X-O Manowar book was last on store shelves in 2002, which capped a decade-long run for the fifth century Visigoth who was ultimately kidnapped by aliens and taken into space. After donning a suit of sentient armour, he returned to 20th century earth where he became a hero.

Created by Jim Shooter, Bob Layton and Jon Hartz, X-O Manowar debuted in 1992. The character was paired with Marvel Comics' Iron Man for a video game in 1996.

Valiant Executive Editor Warren Simons said the launch of the new title, illustrated by Cary Nord, will spearhead more books and characters — including Harbinger, Bloodshot, Ninjak, Archer & Armstrong and Shadowman — later this year as the publisher brings them back to a new audience, with nods, but not direct ties, to the original Valiant continuity.

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The softer side of couture

The Project Runway All Stars prove reality TV isn't always about being horrible to your fellow contestants
But the claws may still come out this season
Designers have only six hours to complete their next challenge

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Aside from occasional dust-ups at the Neiman Marcus accessory wall, Project Runway is one reality show that isn't known for its backbiting.

At a New York screening of the spin-off Project Runway All Stars contestants — including the dashing Austin Scarlett in beads and a bow tie — broke from the usual red carpet decorum to greet each other with squeals and hugs.

"I keep in touch with a lot of them," said Kara Janx. "I've formed some really solid relationships."

So how do these "all stars" — favourite designers from the first eight seasons of Project Runway who are competing once again in a new series of fashion challenges — make it work the second time around?

"You need to admire your fellow designers and get inspired by each other," said Kenley Collins, wearing her trademark red lipstick. "Make your life a little easier and just get along!"

"She's such a diva," joked Michael Costello, cutting in to throw an arm around Collins.

Meanwhile, Janx cited "mutual respect, mutual understanding" as the key.

"I don't feel like you have to step on toes to get ahead," she said. "You're just so curious to see what other designers will bring to the table."

It's not just contestants who noticed the camaraderie on set.

"Fashion is a community," said designer Isaac Mizrahi, one of the show's judges. But that all might change in an upcoming episode, when the designers are given only six hours to complete a challenge.

Executive producer Rob Bagshaw says those kinds of tasks were created to pit contestants "against the challenge instead of each other."

We'll see if the needles come out. **WITH ADDITIONAL REPORTING FROM REBECCA FINKEL**

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▶ Some of the Project Runway All Stars: Mondo Guerra, left, Kenley Collins, Michael Costello, Kara Janx, and Austin Scarlett were all smiles Thursday in New York City.

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Kids says the darndest things

▶The proud parents of the f-bomb dropping toddler.

On a recent episode of Modern Family, a toddler uses a bad word Our mommyish.com writer wonders, do you watch what curse words you say around your kids?

On last week's Modern Family, toddler Lily dropped an F-bomb, to the utter horror of her parents.

The character is two-and-a-half-years old. The episode's title? Little Bo Bleep. This was the first time a scripted family TV show has had a child utter the profanity that rhymes with puck. (Don't worry, it wasn't audible to the viewer.)

As the owner of a horrible potty mouth, I could not relate to this more.

The fact is, actually, that I have dropped my cussing dramatically since the birth of my first child. And yet … it was just a couple of years ago that my parents were watching my children when my then two-and-a-half-year old said "s—."

The worst thing? She used it correctly. Like, she broke something and dropped the S-bomb. My mother is a public school teacher who has literally never cussed. My dad is a pastor. When my mom politely told me the news, I just immediately responded by apologizing. There was no use pretending that she had picked it up from anyone but me. Everyone knows I have problems cussing.

Still, it was an important moment that led to further efforts to stop my sailor-level vocabulary. But apparently, it's not enough.

During last week's football game, I think I lost years off my life as I cheered. Every time something bad happened, I modified cuss words. Or, well, I cussed in foreign languages. My husband told me to watch it around the kids. I hate it when he's right.

Another friend told me about how her kids were playing with friends in the neighborhood while parents sat outside and chatted. The kids were on bikes and one kid cut another kid off at the end of the cul-de-sac. "Get out of the way, A—hole" one little boy exclaimed, not even particularly upset.

The father of that child, blushing, told the boy to watch his language and then said something about how he'd have to talk to him later. But everyone laughed nervously because they knew the kid had picked it up from his parents.

And this is the shame of the child's potty mouth. It's almost always a complete reflection of our lack of control as parents, our inability to speak kindly to our neighbors and fellow citizens or, worse, the members of our own family.

We like to pretend, particularly among our peers, that we're great examples to our kids. When our children reveal that we're not, it's embarrassing. But it's also chastening and a great reminder of why children are such a blessing. They frequently help us become better people.

MOLLIE HEMINGWAY, MOMMYISH.COM

No Cussing Club

Even before the episode aired last week, an anti-profanity crusader asked ABC to pull the episode. McKay Hatch, 18, founded the No Cussing Club in 2007. He asked his club's members, whom he said number 35,000 in the U.S. and about three dozen other countries, to complain to ABC.

Protestors' take
"Our main goal is to stop this from happening," said Hatch. "If we don't, at least ABC knows that people all over the world don't want to have a two-year-old saying the 'F-bomb' on TV. We hope they know better."

The network's take
"We thought it was a very natural story, since as parents, we've all been through this. We are not a sexually charged show. It has a very warm tone so people accept it more. I'm sure we'll have some detractors," said Steven Levitan, creator and executive producer of the sitcom with Christopher Lloyd.

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3 life

Lip-readers

Florida scientists have discovered that starting around six months, babies begin shifting from the intent eye gaze of early infancy to studying mouths when people talk.

"The baby, in order to imitate you, has to figure out how to shape their lips to make that particular sound they're hearing," explains developmental psychologist David Lewkowicz of Florida Atlantic University, who led the study.

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Disabilities report author is concerned that many kids have one or no friends.

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For a dragon-sized appetite

Start Chinese New Year off right Try Chinese long beans for a long life

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▶ This recipe makes eight servings.

Eating long beans to symbolize a long life is a hallmark of Chinese New Year.

These beans often go by other names, including asparagus beans, yard-long beans and snake beans.

Since this new year is the year of the dragon, more specifically the water dragon, serve this longevity dish with the dragon of the sea — lobster. If lobster isn't available, shrimp is another good choice.

Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) Sichuan peppercorns, crushed
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) Chinese five-spice powder
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 750 grams (1 1/2 pounds) Chinese long beans
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) water
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) oyster sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) soy sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) toasted sesame oil
- Splash of Sriracha sauce
- 210 grams (7 ounces) cooked lobster meat, chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) toasted sesame seeds

Preparation:

1. In wok over medium-high, heat vegetable oil. Add peppercorns, five-spice powder and garlic. Heat, stirring constantly, for 30 seconds.
2. Add beans and toss to coat. Add water, oyster sauce, and soy sauce and cover. Allow beans to steam for 5 mins., or until just tender. Add sesame oil, Sriracha, lobster meat and sesame seeds. Toss and cook until heated. Serve.

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Rose Reisman's Swap It

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Traditional treats taste that much better during times of celebration Try these sweet Chinese Golden Balls

Preparation:

1. In dry skillet over medium-high heat, toast walnuts, stirring occasionally until lightly brown, 2 mins. Let cool and grind until fine consistence.
2. Golden Balls: In bowl, combine toasted walnuts, honey, condensed milk and salt to form thick paste. Roll paste into 1-cm (1/2-inch) round balls. Set aside.
3. Glutinous Rice Dough: Place rice flour in one bowl and sesame seeds in another. Set aside.
4. In saucepan, place water and brown sugar and heat on medium-high until sugar dissolves. Bring to a boil.
5. Remove from heat, pour into rice flour and stir to incorporate until pliable dough is formed. Knead dough with and roll into ball. Cut ball in half and roll each half into a 25-cm (10-inch) log. Slice each log into 10 pieces and roll pieces into balls.
6. Take 1 ball and form well with fingers. Place walnut paste ball in well and pinch dough so it envelopes walnut paste. Roll into a ball. Lightly wet ball with water and roll in sesame seeds. Repeat until you have 20.
7. Pour enough oil into deep-fyer to come at least 7.5 cm (3 inches) up the side of pot. Heat to 160 C (325 F).
8. In batches of 4, gently drop balls into deep fryer. After 2 minutes, gently squeeze balls with slotted spoon to help expand. Turn frequently to brown evenly, 5 mins. Remove with slotted spoon and let rest on a paper towel- lined tray.

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Ingredients:

- Sweet Walnut Paste
- 250 ml (1 cup) toasted and finely ground walnuts
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) condensed milk
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) salt

Glutinous Rice Dough

- 750 ml (3 cups) glutinous rice flour
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) raw white sesame seeds
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▶ This recipe makes 20 balls.

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Is there a way to do this better?

"It's a product category no one really has been thinking about before as something that needs an environmental improvement," says Cecilia Nord, vice president of sustainability for Electrolux Small Appliances.

"As it turns out, you can actually achieve improvement by focusing on energy consumption, and also the materials in the product. It's not insignificant."

Her company produces greener sister versions of its entire vacuum cleaner product line. They may not yet be as widely available, but some pretty efficient, powerful machines are being produced.

"Depending on the model, we range from 33-50 per cent lower energy consumption," Nord says. "The fantastic thing is, we make this big saving in energy consumption, and only lose one percentage point in actual cleaning performance."

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There are options for greener vacuums.

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Noise remains an issue, although more-efficient vacuum cleaners tend to also be slightly quieter.

And though bagless vacuums certainly exist, even vacuum bags are gradually being greened.

"We're finding renewable resources that can be transferred into materials that do the same job as non-renewable ones," she says. "We've actually started marketing a vacuum cleaner dust bag that is made out of corn starch."

There's even a designer line of cleaners — Vac from the Sea — made from plastic pollution harvested from the world's oceans.

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The boy block

Teacher urges retooled approach to raising boys in new book Points finger at computer-crazed world for dip in academic success of young males

As a longtime teacher and father of four, Michael Reist has had a front-row view of the ever-changing cultural landscape and its impact on youngsters.

And with the omnipresence of the Internet, tech gadgets and video games, he believes the task of educating and parenting kids needs to adapt with the evolving times.

In his new book, Raising Boys in a New Kind of World (Dundurn), Reist is encouraging a retooled approach in both practice and thinking when it comes to rearing boys in a media-saturated culture.

Reist has spoken extensively to parent groups and education conferences across Canada, with the main workshops centred around gender differences in learning and raising kids in a new world.

While girls have surged academically in recent years, Reist said statistics show boys aren't faring as well, and that higher percentages of girls are enrolling in universities.

Plan of action

Ways to wake them up

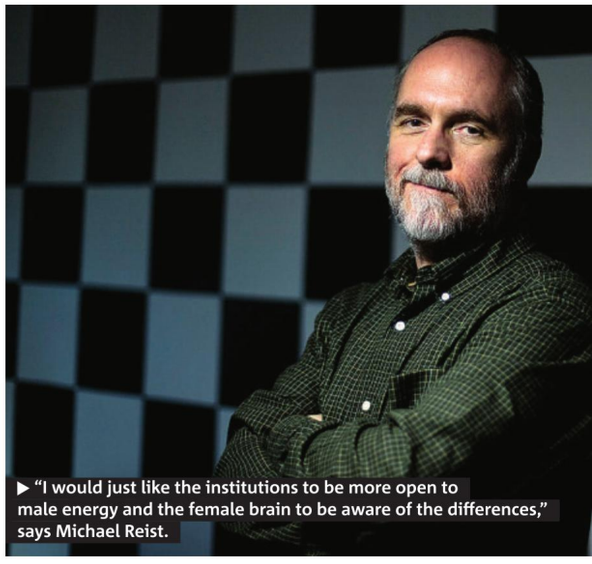
- Reist writes that boys have a love and need for movement and prefer actions over words.
- He has observed in teaching that they tend to progress more slowly through the stages of language processing.
- He writes that much like a computer going into sleep mode, the male brain can act in a similar way when it's not stimulated.
- Cueing students visually through eye contact, verbally or through touch like a tap on the shoulder — or even just standing nearby — can help boys who may be zoning out

Reist said cyberspace has had a huge influence. Part of the reason boys are falling behind in school is the amount of time dedicated to screens, which offer a feast of visuals and movement through space that are alluring to the male brain, he noted.

He understands parents' concerns with respect to too much screen time and recognizes the need for setting boundaries to limit usage; but Reist said there's nothing wrong with cyberspace or video games.

In the book, he outlines reasons why video games are good, such as allowing kids to relieve stress and offering an outlet for aggression. And while some see gaming as an isolating experience, he writes there is also a social aspect, as males tend to bond shoulder-to-shoulder through a shared activity.

"We're getting these boys who are spatial geniuses, they come into class and they're able to conquer level 500 of World of Warcraft or Call of Duty," said Reist.



▶ "I would just like the institutions to be more open to male energy and the female brain to be aware of the differences," says Michael Reist.

"But they come into my class where the job is to read a 300-page novel and to write a 1,500-word essay, and that's a bigger leap today than it was 20 years ago."

"The culture has become more and more visual, and the culture has become more and more electronic."

Reist said one of his book's main messages is not condemning the new world, but rather empathy for today's kids who have to contend with turning off cellphones, video games, TVs and computers before settling into an assigned task.

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Improv to improve

Canadian youth are using improvisation to boost confidence and learn about communication

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▶ Improv is no longer reserved solely for people with quick wit and a sharp tongue. Personalities of all sorts are becoming involved with the activity.

Brendan McGowan, like most university students, spends his days juggling essays with impending exams while trying to make it to class on time. But once a week the 22-year-old psychology major sets aside the stress of higher education to take up a persona other than his own.

He's one of a growing number of youth who are embracing improvisational theatre, or improv as it's better known. Aside from the laughs it provides, those who engage in the performances acted entirely without a script say they're boosting their confidence, learning how to communicate better and tapping into a whole new community of friends, all while having a good time.

"I'll honestly say that if I did not have improv, I would be the most stressed out person that I would have ever met," says McGowan, president of Ryerson University's Barrel of Monkeys Improv team.

"It's just two hours of laughing, having a good time, and you feel refreshed afterwards ... I don't know where the stress went but it's gone and I'm happy."

Improv, perhaps best known through the hit show Whose Line Is It Anyway, isn't just for theatre or arts majors. Increasingly, student from a variety of backgrounds, from journalism to engineering, try their hand at cracking up a crowd without the safety of a script.

"Just about everyone on the improv team is from a different part of Ryerson, all different programs," says McGowan, who has seen interest in his club jump over the past year.

John Piekoszewski, who helps run the Carleton Improv Association in Ottawa, has see a similar boost in numbers recently.

"When I first started out we had eight to 10 people on the team," says the film studies student. "The past year, we've started doing shows in bars around town. We had 30 people show up at tryouts this year."

The Carleton team has a core group of 12 who perform at shows but encourages anyone, no matter what their level of experience, to come to weekly practice sessions. "You go away for two hours just to have a laugh, not take anything seriously," says Piekoszewski.

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Entrepreneur and award-winner Jeff Klause has become a sought-after leader in his industry And he's only 36!

TURNING POINT

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If you ever find youself in Times Square in New York City, look up at all the bright, flashing billboards.

Jeff Klause says he was only 11 years old when he designed the technology that IBM would use to control blinking lights such as these iconic ones.

The award-winning youth went on to become an entrepreneur, manufacturing bunk beds, marketing products at trade shows then moving on to website design and computers.

Now 36 years old, the CEO of Rainy Day Internet in Manitoba uses a hands-on approach that often finds him up a signal tower wearing his hard hat and working alongside his employees.

"I see the future and the potential in things and I surround myself with good people," he says.

▶ "I see the future and the potential in things and I surround myself with good people": Jeff Klause

"It always takes longer to achieve certain goals. Accept the reality in each situation and adjust your goals."

Klause is a man of technology and vision but most importantly he has the passion and drive to see his ideas through to the end.

"I'm always thinking about the bigger picture. But I also climb towers because people don't work for me, they work with me."

Jeff's tips

Klause's thoughts on business

- **Understand about being an entrepreneur** Ninety-six per cent of all new businesses will fail in the first year
- **Be independently driven** If you're not driven from within, you're not an entrepreneur.
- **Have passion and energy** See something through to the end regardless of the mountains you encounter.
- **Give back** I've been volunteering since I was 13 years old. (Big Brothers and Sisters, The Manitoba Junior Chamber of Commerce)

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▶ Ravens kicker Billy Cundiff misses a 32-yard field goal in the closing seconds against the Patriots on Sunday.

Close call for Patriots

Missed Ravens field goal with 11 seconds left sends New England back to the Super Bowl

Tom Brady got all the help he needed to get the New England Patriots into the Super Bowl.

Thank you, Billy Cundiff.

The Baltimore Ravens kicker shanked a 32-yard field goal with 11 seconds left and the Patriots escaped with a 23-20 victory in the AFC championship game on Sunday.

Usually, vintage Brady doesn't need much assistance in championship settings, but the Patriots' much-maligned defence came through, and Brady's one-yard touchdown dive with 11:29 left proved to be the winning points.

PATRIOTS	RAVENS
23	20

"Well, I sucked pretty bad today, but our defence saved us," Brady said after throwing for 239 yards, with two interceptions and, for the first time in 36 games, no TD passes. "I'm going to try to go out and do a better job in a couple of weeks, but I'm proud of this team, my teammates."

Brady waited out the final tense minutes on the sideline, and then celebrated with the rest of his team when Cundiff's attempt went wide left. The Ravens looked on in horror.

Next up as the Patriots (15-3) chase their fourth Super Bowl trophy in Brady's and coach Bill Belichick's tenure in New England is a Super Bowl rematch against the New York Giants on Feb. 5. The Giants beat the San Francisco 49ers 20-17 in overtime on Sunday.

In their last trip to the big game, the Patriots had an 18-0 record when they were stunned by the Giants four years ago. They won the NFL championship for the 2001, 2003 and 2004 seasons. This time, they head to the Super Bowl with a 10-game winning streak.

"We're going to try to go out and kick some butt in a couple of weeks," said Brady, whose fifth trip to the Super Bowl will equal John Elway's achievement with Denver.

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Raptors lose eighth game in a row

After Mo Williams' big fourth quarter helped the Los Angeles Clippers send the Toronto Raptors to their eighth straight loss, he preferred to share the credit with his teammates.

"I didn't do it by myself. I mean, let's get that straight," Williams said after scoring his team's first 17 points of the fourth quarter, finishing with 26 in the Clippers' 103-91 victory on Sunday.

Williams went to work in the fourth and helped Los Angeles open up a 93-73 lead with 7:22 remaining after Toronto trimmed a 22-point deficit to 13 on Leandro Barbosa's three-pointer with 8:25 to play.

CLIPPERS	RAPTORS
103	91

Blake Griffin had 18 points and nine rebounds for the Clippers. DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and 16 rebounds and Chauncey Billups had 14 assists.

Caron Butler finished with 15 points.

Barbosa scored 19 points and Linas Kleiza added 16 off the bench for the Raptors, who began a five-game road trip by missing their first 15 shots and were 35.8 per cent from the field overall.

DeMar DeRozan had 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

"Another loss — and the way we lost is definitely frustrating," DeRozan said. "We dug ourselves our own hole. We tried to fight back, but teams are too good in this league to allow that. Teams are going out there and jumping on our team. No one likes to take a loss, so we need to act like it from the start."

The Clippers never trailed. It took just 15 seconds after the opening tip for Griffin to slam home Randy Foye's alley-oop lob to start a 22-6 run.

Our starts have been horrendous," Toronto coach Dwane Casey said. "We compete harder in practice than we do to start the games. That is nothing against the Clippers. They've got a very solid basketball team, and they are going to be in the money at the end of the day."

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4 sports

Leafs preview

N.Y. Islanders at Toronto
7 p.m.
TV: Leafs TV

The Maple Leafs (23-19-5) host the first game of a home-and-home against the New York Islanders (19-21-6). The Islanders are on a three-game winning streak thanks to the strong play of Evgeni Nabokov, who has allowed two goals on 91 shots during the streak. With Rick DiPietro (groin) out for the season, Nabokov has started 14 of the last 15 games. John Tavares is on a 12-game point streak dating back to Dec. 29. He has 21 points in that span and leads the Islanders with 48 on the season. Kyle Okposo has 11 points in his last 12 games.

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Chan wins his fifth title in record style

Skater tops 300 points, soaring past his world record of 280.98 Score at Canadian event won't count

Patrick Chan smiled and stuck up three fingers when his score was posted — a small gesture for a mammoth accomplishment.

The 21-year-old from Toronto demolished his previous world scoring mark Sunday and broke the 300-point barrier to claim his fifth Canadian senior men's figure skating title.

"I made the 300 club," Chan said with a laugh after finishing with 302.14 overall points. "I'm the only one, though. I'm a loner."

Chan produced one of the finest skates of his career, scoring 200.81 points for a free program that included two huge quadruple jumps and had the crowd at the Moncton Coliseum on its feet a full 30 seconds before his four-and-a-half minute program came to an end.

"He just keeps raising his personal bar higher which keeps raises the bar for the rest of the skaters that much higher."
MIKE SLIPCHUK, SKATE CANADA'S HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR ON PATRICK CHAN

His score won't count as a world record as the Canadian championships are a domestic event. His 280.98 points at world championships last April in Moscow will remain the official world mark.

And Chan knows there will be critics who will question the high marks received on home turf.

"There are for sure people that are going to say that, but you can't really do anything about it," Chan said. "I'm not going to let people ruin my fun. And it's not just for me, it's fun for the audience and the other skaters."

Kevin Reynolds of Coquitlam, B.C., finished well back in second with 239.44 points, while Vancouver's Jeremy Ten was third with 207.50.

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Another sad day in Happy Valley

Ex-Penn State coach Paterno dies of cancer at 85, months after his legend was shattered in sex-abuse scandal

Happy Valley was perfect for Joe Paterno, a place where he not only won more football games than any other major U.S. college coach, but won them the right way: With integrity and sportsmanship. A place where character came first, championships second.

Behind it all, however, was an ugly secret that ran counter to everything the coach stood for.

Paterno, a sainted figure at Penn State, but scarred forever by the child sex-abuse scandal that led to his stunning dismissal, died in State College, Pa., Sunday at age 85.

His death came 65 days after his son Scott said his father had been diagnosed with a treatable form of lung cancer. The cancer was found during a follow-up visit for a bronchial illness.

Mount Nittany Medical Center said in a statement that Paterno died at 9:25 a.m. of "metastatic small cell carcinoma of the lung." Metastatic indicates an illness that has spread from one part of the body to an unrelated area.

The hospital says Paterno was surrounded by family members.

Paterno had been in the hospital since Jan. 13 for observation after what his family called minor complications from his cancer treatments. Not long before that, he conducted his only interview since losing his job, with The Washington Post. Paterno was described as frail, speaking mostly in a whisper. The second half of the two-day interview was conducted bedside.

His family released a statement Sunday morning to announce his death: "His loss leaves a void in our lives that will never be filled.

"He fought hard until the end, stayed positive, thought only of others and constantly reminded everyone of how blessed his life had been," the statement said. "His ambitions were far reaching, but he never believed he had to leave this Happy Valley to achieve them. He was a man devoted to his family, his university, his players and his community."

Paterno's death came just under three months following his last victory.

Two police officers were stationed to block traffic on the street where Paterno's home stands. The officers said the family had asked there be no gathering so Paterno's relatives could grieve privately.

Paterno's sons, Scott and Jay, arrived at the house late Sunday morning. Jay Paterno, who served as his father's quarterbacks coach, was crying.

Paterno built a program based on the credo of "Success with Honor." The man won 409 games and took the Nittany Lions to 37 bowl games and two national championships. More than 250 of his players went on to the NFL.

Paterno roamed the sidelines for 46 seasons and insisted that on-field success not come at the expense of high graduation rates.

But in the middle of his 46th season, the legend was shattered. Paterno was engulfed in a child sex-abuse scandal when a former trusted assistant, Jerry Sandusky, was accused of molesting 10 boys over a 15-year span.

Outrage built quickly when the state's top cop said the coach hadn't fulfilled a moral obligation to go to the authorities when a graduate assistant, Mike McQueary, told Paterno he saw Sandusky with a young boy in the showers of the football complex in 2002.

At a preliminary hearing for school officials, McQueary testified that he had seen Sandusky attacking the child with his hands around the boy's waist but said he wasn't 100 per cent sure it was intercourse. McQueary described Paterno as shocked and saddened and said the coach told him he had "done the right thing" by reporting the encounter.

Paterno waited a day before alerting school officials and never went to police.

"You know, (McQueary) didn't want to get specific," Paterno said in the Post interview. "And to be frank with you I don't know that it would have done any good, because I never heard of, of, rape and a man. So I just did what I thought was best."

Paterno said he would retire following the 2011 season, calling it "one of the great sorrows of my life."

But university trustees fired Paterno immediately. Graham Spanier, one of the longest-serving university presidents in the nation, also was fired.

Paterno and his wife, Sue, raised five children in State College.

He walked to home games and was greeted and wished good luck by fans on the street.

He also could be abrasive and stubborn, and he had his share of run-ins with his bosses or administrators.

Calls for his retirement reached a crescendo in 2004. The next year, Penn State went 11-1 and won the Big Ten. In the Orange Bowl, PSU beat Florida State, whose coach, Bobby Bowden, was eased out after the 2009 season after 34 years and 389 wins.

Like many others, he was outlasted by Paterno.

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▶ Penn State players lift coach Joe Paterno after winning the Fiesta Bowl in January 1987.

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▶ People gather around a statue of Joe Paterno on the Penn State University campus after learning of his death on Sunday.

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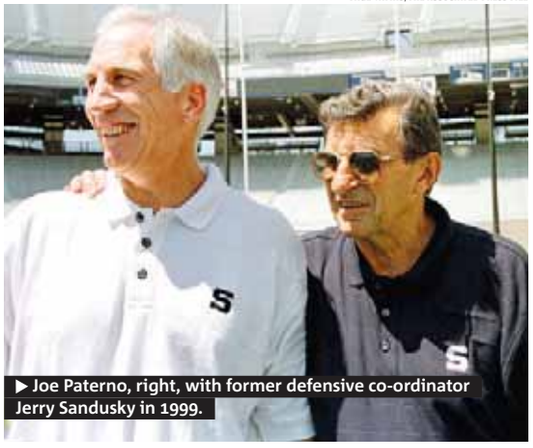

▶ Joe Paterno, right, with former defensive co-ordinator Jerry Sandusky in 1999.

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▶ Joe Paterno leaves Beaver Stadium in October, 2010.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Boston	46	31	13	1	1	168	96	64	16-7-1-1	15-6-0-0	6-3-1-0	W1
d-NY Rangers	46	30	12	1	3	129	96	64	14-5-0-2	16-7-1-1	7-3-0-0	W1
d-Florida	47	22	15	5	5	120	133	54	11-5-1-5	11-10-4-0	3-3-3-1	W1
Philadelphia	47	28	14	2	3	159	140	61	11-7-1-2	17-7-1-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Ottawa	50	27	17	4	2	154	153	60	14-9-0-1	13-8-4-1	7-2-1-0	L1
Pittsburgh	48	27	17	2	2	149	125	58	14-8-2-0	13-9-0-2	6-4-0-0	W6
New Jersey	47	26	19	1	1	128	134	54	12-9-0-1	14-10-1-0	5-4-1-0	L2
Washington	47	25	19	1	2	131	134	53	17-6-0-1	8-13-1-1	5-4-1-0	L2
Toronto	47	23	19	3	2	144	144	51	13-8-2-2	10-11-1-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Winnipeg	48	22	20	3	3	123	138	50	15-8-0-2	7-12-3-1	3-6-0-1	L1
Montreal	48	18	21	2	7	123	132	45	8-10-2-4	10-12-0-2	5-3-0-2	W1
NY Islanders	46	19	21	4	2	112	136	44	11-11-3-0	8-10-1-2	6-4-0-0	W3
Tampa Bay	47	20	23	1	3	132	163	44	12-7-0-1	8-16-1-2	4-5-0-1	W3
Buffalo	48	19	24	3	2	117	148	43	11-9-3-2	8-15-0-0	2-7-1-0	L5
Carolina	50	17	24	5	4	128	158	43	12-11-0-3	5-13-5-1	4-3-1-2	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	48	32	15	1	0	155	109	65	19-2-1-0	13-13-0-0	9-1-0-0	W6
d-Vancouver	48	29	15	0	4	155	120	62	13-6-0-3	16-9-0-1	5-3-0-2	W1
d-San Jose	45	26	14	3	2	129	108	57	15-8-2-0	11-6-1-2	5-3-1-1	L2
St. Louis	47	29	12	1	5	121	96	64	21-3-1-2	8-9-0-3	8-1-1-0	W4
Chicago	49	29	14	3	3	161	141	64	19-5-1-3	10-9-2-0	5-3-2-0	L1
Nashville	48	28	16	3	1	133	125	60	15-7-2-1	13-9-1-0	8-2-0-0	W2
Los Angeles	49	23	16	4	6	107	110	56	13-11-0-4	10-5-4-2	4-2-1-3	L2
Colorado	49	26	21	2	0	127	138	54	14-11-0-0	12-10-2-0	6-3-1-0	W2
Minnesota	48	23	18	2	5	112	124	53	13-6-1-2	10-12-1-3	3-6-0-1	W1
Calgary	49	23	20	3	3	120	136	52	13-6-1-1	10-14-2-2	5-3-1-1	W2
Dallas	47	24	21	0	2	125	136	50	13-9-0-2	11-12-0-0	3-6-0-1	L5
Phoenix	49	21	20	3	5	127	132	50	9-9-2-2	12-11-1-3	2-5-1-2	L3
Anaheim	46	17	22	3	4	121	141	41	12-12-1-0	5-10-2-4	7-2-1-0	W4
Edmonton	47	17	26	1	3	118	138	38	11-8-1-2	6-18-0-1	2-7-1-0	L3
Columbus	47	13	28	1	5	112	155	32	8-13-1-2	5-15-0-3	3-6-0-1	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results
Boston 6 Philadelphia 5 (SO)
Pittsburgh 4 Washington 3 (OT)
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Saturday's results
Calgary 6 Edmonton 2
Montreal 3 Toronto 1
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Colorado 3 Los Angeles 1
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Nashville 5 Chicago 2
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St. Louis 4 Buffalo 2
Tampa Bay 4 Phoenix 3

Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Buffalo at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Ottawa at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY

CANUCKS 4, SHARKS 3

First Period
1. Vancouver, Booth 7 (Edler, Higgins) 1:06
2. San Jose, Couture 19 (Desjardins) 15:54 (sh)
Penalties — San Jose Bench (too many men; served by McGinn) 14:45, D.Sedin Vcr (tripping) 19:37.
Second Period
3. San Jose, Couture 20 (Thornton, Pavelski) 1:05 (pp)
4. Vancouver, Hodgson 12 (Raymond, Rome) 4:29
Penalties — McGinn SJ (high-sticking) 5:34, Pavelski SJ (tripping) 11:24, Pavelski SJ, Ballard Vcr (fighting) 19:53.
Third Period
5. Vancouver, Kesler 13 (Booth) 14:11
6. San Jose, Boyle 4 (Pavelski, Desjardins) 14:47
7. Vancouver, Hodgson 13 (Raymond) 15:43
Penalty — Ferriero SJ (hooking) 2:57.

Shots				
San Jose	5	8	13	26
Vancouver	12	10	8	30

Goal — San Jose: Niemi (L,20-10-5); Vancouver: Luongo (W,19-10-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — San Jose: 1-1; Vancouver: 0-4.
Referees — Brad Meier, Mike Leggo. **Linesmen** — Shane Heyer, Jay Sharrers.
Attendance — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

DUCKS 2, SENATORS 1

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Koivu Ana (hooking) 1:21, Smith Ott (holding) 7:06, Lydman Ana (roughing) 11:53.
Second Period
1. Anaheim, Perry 22 (Ryan, Getzlaf) 6:15
2. Anaheim, Visnovsky 5 (Hagman, Koivu) 17:00
Penalty — Michalek Ott (closing hand on puck) 10:25.
Third Period
3. Ottawa, Neil 8 (Foligno, Karlsson) 8:51
Penalty — Condra Ott (tripping) 14:57.

Shots				
Ottawa	9	10	13	32
Anaheim	10	11	8	29

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (L,25-14-4); Anaheim: Hiller (W,14-17-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-2; Anaheim: 0-3.
Referees — Dan O'Rourke, Greg Kimmerly.
Linesmen — Steve Miller, Anthony Sericolo.
Att. — 15,500 (17,174) at Anaheim, Calif.

CANADIENS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 1

First Period
1. Montreal, Bourque 14 (Plekanec, Cole) 18:26
2. Toronto, Lombardi 4 (Bozak) 18:55
Penalty — Subban Mtl (roughing) 7:50.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — MacArthur Tor (hooking) 6:43, Komisarek Tor (slashing) 17:45.
Third Period
3. Montreal, Diaz 3 (Gomez) 3:29
4. Montreal, Eller 10 (Moen, Kostitsyn) 11:25
Penalties — Gill Mtl (tripping) 7:56, Kadri Tor (goaltender interference) 12:23, Kaberle Mtl (tripping) 18:18 .

Shots				
Montreal	8	9	6	23
Toronto	10	12	11	33

Goal — Montreal: Price (W,16-17-8); Toronto: Gustavsson (L,14-10-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Montreal: 0-3; Toronto: 0-3.
Referees — Marc Joannette, Kyle Rehman.
Linesmen — Mark Shewchyk, Pierre Champoux.
Attendance — 19,643 (18,819) at Toronto.

NFL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Yesterday's results
AFC — New England 23 Baltimore 20
NFC — N.Y. Giants (11-7) at San Francisco (14-3)

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Arsenal 1 Manchester United 2
Manchester City 3 Tottenham 2

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Yesterday's results
Levante 0 Zaragoza 0
Malaga 1 Barcelona 4
Osasuna 1 Valencia 1
Rayo Vallecano 0 Mallorca 1
Real Madrid 4 Athletic Bilbao 1

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Jeff Maggert, $224,000	69-65-69-64—267
John Senden, $194,600	69-64-68-67—268
David Toms, $194,600	63-65-72-68—268
Bobby Gates, $156,800	68-63-71-67—269
Ben Crane, $156,800	65-63-70-71—269
Brandt Snedeker, $156,800	64-68-66-71—269
Zach Johnson, $156,800	68-65-65-71—269
Also	
Stephen Ames, $56,000	**66-67-70-70—273**

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	15	3	.833	—
d-Orlando	11	4	.733	2½
Indiana	10	4	.714	3
d-Philadelphia	11	5	.688	3
Atlanta	12	5	.706	2½
Miami	11	5	.688	3
Milwaukee	6	9	.400	7½
Boston	6	9	.400	7½
Cleveland	6	9	.400	7½
New York	6	10	.375	8
New Jersey	5	12	.294	9½
Detroit	4	13	.235	10½
Toronto	4	13	.235	10½
Charlotte	3	14	.176	11½
Washington	2	14	.125	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	13	3	.813	—
Denver	12	5	.706	1½
Utah	10	5	.667	2½
d-L.A. Clippers	9	5	.643	3
d-Memphis	9	6	.600	3½
L.A. Lakers	10	7	.588	3½
San Antonio	10	7	.588	3½
Dallas	10	7	.588	3½
Houston	9	7	.563	4
Portland	9	7	.563	4
Minnesota	7	9	.438	6
Phoenix	6	9	.400	6½
Sacramento	6	11	.353	7½
Golden State	5	10	.333	7½
New Orleans	3	13	.188	10

d-division leaders ranked in top four positions.

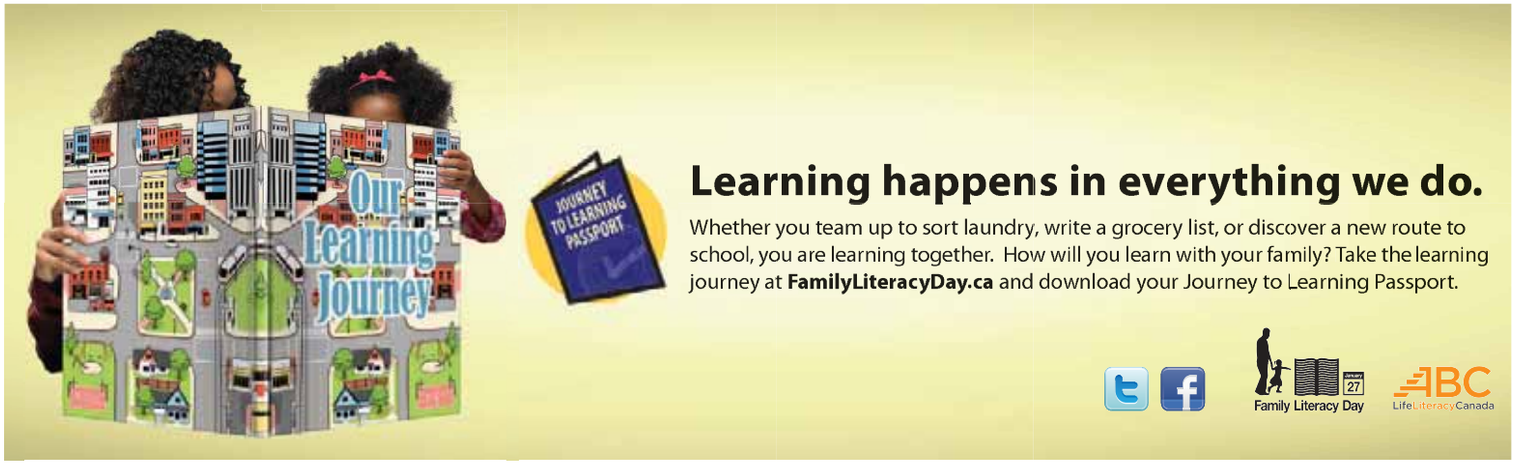
Yesterday's results
Boston 100 Washington 94
L.A. Clippers 103 Toronto 91
New Jersey 97 Charlotte 87
Milwaukee 91 Miami 82
Indiana at L.A. Lakers
Saturday's results
Atlanta 121 Cleveland 94
Detroit 94 Portland 91
Miami 113 Philadelphia 92
Denver 119 New York 114,2OT
Chicago 95 Charlotte 89
Houston 105 San Antonio 102
Dallas 83 New Orleans 81
Memphis 128 Sacramento 95
Oklahoma City 84 New Jersey 74
Utah 108 Minnesota 98

Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia
SUNDAY
MEN
Singles — Fourth Round
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Feliciano Lopez (18), Spain, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Nicolas Almagro (10), Spain, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3), 7-6 (2).
Juan Martin del Potro (11), Argentina, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.
Doubles — Third Round
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), U.S., def. Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins (15), Britain, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2.
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto**, def. Daniele Bracciali and Potito Starace, Italy, 7-6 (7), 6-2.
Leander Paes, India, and Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Michael Llodra, France, and Nenad Zimonjic (3), Serbia, 7-5, 7-6 (2).
Scott Lipsky and Rajeev Ram (13), U.S., def. Mahesh Bhupathi and Rohan Bopanna (4), India, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
WOMEN
Singles — Fourth Round
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Jelena Jankovic (13), Serbia, 6-0, 7-5.
Victoria Azarenka (3), Belarus, def. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.
Kim Clijsters (11), Belgium, def. Li Na (5), China, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Agnieszka Radwanska (8), Poland, def. Julia Goerges (22), Germany, 6-1, 6-1.
Doubles — Third Round
Liezel Huber and Lisa Raymond (2), U.S., def. Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, 6-2, 6-1.
Vania King, U.S., and Yaroslava Shvedova (3), Kazakhstan, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, and Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.
Svetlana Kuznetsova and Vera Zvonareva, Russia, def. Gisela Dulko, Argentina, and Flavia Pennetta (4), Italy, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Alla Kudryavtseva and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, and Zheng Jie, China, 7-5, 6-4.
MIXED DOUBLES
First Round
Roberta Vinci and Daniele Bracciali, Italy, def. Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Mike Bryan (1), U.S., 3-6, 6-2, 11-9.
Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Marcin Matkowski, Poland, def. Nadia Petrova, Russia, and Marcelo Melo, Brazil, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 10-5 (tiebreak).
Kimiko Date-Krumm and Kei Nishikori, Japan, def. Gisela Dulko and Eduardo Schwank, Argentina, 6-4, 6-1.
Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, and Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, and Oliver Marach, Austria, 6-1, 7-6 (6).
Casey Dellacqua and Matthew Ebden, Australia, def. Olivia Rogowska and Marinko Matosevic, Australia, 6-4, 6-2.
Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, and Bruno Soares, Brazil, def. Klaudia Jans-Ignacik, Poland, and Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 11-9 (tiebreak).
SATURDAY
MEN
Singles — Third Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Nicolas Mahut, France, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1.
Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Michael Llodra, France, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.
David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Juan Ignacio Chela (27), Argentina, 7-5, 6-2, 6-1.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Frederico Gil, Portugal, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
Richard Gasquet (17), France, def. Janko Tipsarevic (9), Serbia, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.
Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, def. Gael Monfils (14), France, 6-2, 7-5, 5-7, 1-6, 6-4.
Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. **Milos Raonic (23), Thornhill, Ont.**, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Kei Nishikori (24), Japan, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Doubles — Second Round
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto**, def. Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah, Colombia, 7-6 (0), 6-2.
Mahesh Bhupathi and Rohan Bopanna (4), India, def. Carsten Ball, Australia, and Treat Conrad Huey, Philippines, 6-2, 6-2.
Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (6), Poland, def. Pablo Andujar and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-3, 7-5.
Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Jean-Julien Rojer (8), Curacao, def. Philipp Marx, Germany, and **Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont.**, 7-6 (8), 6-4.
Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Filip Polasek (11), Slovakia, def. Mikhail Elgin and Alexander Kudryavtsev, Russia, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.
Ricardo Mello and Joao Souza, Brazil, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, and Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 6-4, 6-4.
WOMEN
Singles — Third Round
Petra Kvitova (2), Czech Republic, def. Maria Kirilenko (27), Russia, 6-0, 1-0 (retired).
Maria Sharapova (4), Russia, def. Angelique Kerber (30), Germany, 6-1, 6-2.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Vera Zvonareva (7), Russia, 7-6 (7), 6-1.
Zheng Jie, China, def. Marion Bartoli (9), France, 6-3, 6-3.
Serena Williams (12), U.S., def. Greta Arn, Hungary, 6-1, 6-1.
Sabine Lisicki (14), Germany, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova (18), Russia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Ana Ivanovic (21), Serbia, def. Vania King, U.S., 6-3, 6-4.
Sara Errani, Italy, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 6-7 (6), 6-0, 6-2.
Doubles — Second Round
Alla Kudryavtseva and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (1), Slovenia, 3-2 (retired).
Gisela Dulko, Argentina, and Flavia Pennetta (4), Italy, def. Silvia Soler-Espinosa and Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-2, 6-2.
Sania Mirza, India, and Elena Vesnina (6), Russia, def. Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, and Alberta Brianti, Italy, 7-5, 7-5.
Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (7), Czech Republic, def. Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, and Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, 7-5, 6-3.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Agnieszka Radwanska (8), Poland, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, and Jasmin Woehr, Germany, 6-0, 6-0.
Irina-Camelia Begu and Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Uhlirova (9), Czech Republic, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.
Rika Fujiwara and Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Iveta Benesova and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (10), Czech Republic, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, and Bethanie Mattek-Sands (12), U.S., def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, and Jill Craybas, U.S., 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.
Petra Martic, Croatia, and Kristina Mladenovic, France, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Galina Voskoboeva (14), Kazakhstan, 6-7 (1), 7-5, 6-3.
MIXED DOUBLES
First Round
Elena Vesnina, Russia, and Leander Paes (5), India, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, and Max Mirnyi, Belarus, 6-2, 7-5.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., and Horia Tecau (8), Romania, def. Lucie Hradecka and Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-3, 10-6 (tiebreak).
Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, and Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. Ashleigh Barty and Benjamin Mitchell, Australia, 6-1, 6-3.
Vladimira Uhlirova, Czech Republic, and Scott Lipsky, U.S., def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, and Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia, 7-6 (4), 7-5.
Liezel Huber, U.S., and Colin Fleming, Britain, def. Raquel Kops-Jones and Eric Butorac, U.S., 7-5, 6-2.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, and Andy Ram, Israel, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, and Christopher Kas, Germany, 4-6, 6-3, 10-5 (tiebreak).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A petition having been duly filed by Virgina Smith domiciled at 75 North Street, Suite 400. Pittsfield, MA 01201

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Rensselaer County, at Troy, New York, on **MARCH 6, 2012** at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of that day why a decree should not be made in the Estate of Edith Strobl, lately domiciled at 85 Bloomington Drive, Town of North Greenbush, County of Rensselaer and State of New York, admitting to probate a Will dated November 10, 2000 as the Will of Edith Strobl, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that:

Letters Testamentary issue to: **Virginia Smith**

DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED
(LS) January 12, 2012

HON. CHRISTIAN F. HUMMEL
SURROGATE
PAUL V. MORGAN, JR.
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Jennifer M. Boll, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner

518-463-3990
Telephone Number

54 State Street, Suite 803, Albany, New York 12207
Address of Attorney

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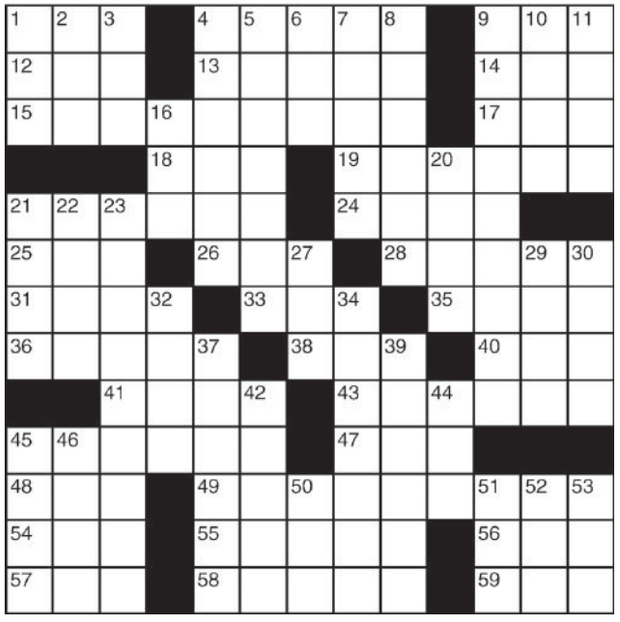

Across

1 Fire residue
4 Temptresses
9 Swabbie's tool
12 Eisenhower nickname
13 Approximately
14 Flightless bird
15 Causing unhappiness
17 Lair
18 Architect Maya —
19 Broken-arm aid
21 With "out," depressed
24 Grand tale
25 Historic time
26 Pooch
28 Obliterate
31 Body powder
33 Pinch
35 Sleeping
36 Apportion
38 Beak
40 Floral neckwear
41 Poet Pound
43 Victoria's prince
45 Game participant
47 Automobile
48 High-arc throw
49 Worth noting
54 Right angle
55 Reserved
56 Zodiac cat
57 Beerlike brew
58 Hierarchy levels
59 Two fives

Down

1 Pick a target
2 Tackle the slopes
3 Cock and bull?
4 Miscellaneous
5Desert
6 Unruly group
7 Throb
8 Treeless tract
9 Having a remedy
10 Portent
11 Fourth down option
16 Shade provider
20 Old Italian money
21 Alpha follower
22 Caspian feeder
23 Up for modification
27 Card table call
29 Prophet
30 Redact
32 Snug and warm
34 NBC bird
37 Quake
39 Trumpet noises
42 Sports venue
44 Lingerie item
45 Entreaty
46 Lounge around
50 60 sec.
51 Sandwich, for short
52 Shelter
53 A billion years

▶ Friday's answer

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A	L	I		E	V	E		W	I	Z	E	N
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A	R	E	N	A		T	E	A		R	O	E
S	K	E	E	T		E	R	R		E	N	D

Sudoku

					5		1	
7	6				8	4		
	2		9			3		
	3			6	1		4	
2								6
	8		2	7			5	
		3			2		6	
		8	6				9	7
	9		4					

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer ▶

5	2	3	1	7	9	6	8	4
4	1	7	3	8	6	5	2	9
8	6	9	4	5	2	3	7	1
1	8	5	7	6	3	4	9	2
2	9	6	5	4	8	1	3	7
7	3	4	2	9	1	8	5	6
6	4	8	9	3	7	2	1	5
9	5	1	8	2	4	7	6	3
3	7	2	6	1	5	9	4	8

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FROM DREAMER

You
We live in the same city? One bus, from your house to mine? How difficult is that?Is it okay to tell ur address??
FROM ME

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
The more you focus on a problem the more of a problem it will become, so pull your mind away from it and concentrate on something positive.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
You should be aiming in some way to improve yourself today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Try taking a more laid-back approach to your problems. Try looking at the bright side instead of the dark.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Someone with whom you have dealings of a business nature may try to cheat you today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
You might as well give up trying to have your way and let partners and colleagues call the shots.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
If others don't approve of your methods that's too bad: more than likely it will encourage you to use them even more (you can be perverse like that at times).

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
This is potentially one of the best days (and weeks) of the year for you.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
You may have to force yourself to be positive about what you are expected to do today.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Go out into the world and have as much fun as possible.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Family problems and money issues may be getting you down but the planets suggest there are better days ahead and it won't be long before they arrive.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You are in the right place and the right frame of mind to make a new beginning of some sort.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
You may have your doubts about a joint project of some kind but don't let them show. SALLY BROMPTON

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